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U.S. slashes number of refugees to 30,000 for next year

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo finishes speaking about refugees as he makes a statement to the media Monday, Sept. 17, 2018, at the State Department in Washington.

Associated Press

By SUSANNAH GEORGE
WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. will slash the number of refugees it will accept for a second straight year, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said Monday, insisting amid criticism from human rights groups that the country is still committed to providing sanctuary to

people fleeing the world's danger zones. Up to 30,000 refugees will be allowed into the country next year, down from a cap of 45,000 this year. It will be the lowest ceiling on admissions since the program began in 1980. The announcement comes despite calls from global

humanitarian groups that this year's cap of 45,000 was too low. Pompeo sought to head off potential criticism of the reduction by noting that the U.S. would process more than 280,000 asylum claims in addition to more than 800,000 already inside the country who are awaiting

a resolution of their claims. "These expansive figures continue the United States' long-standing record as the most generous nation in the world when it comes to protection-based immigration and assistance," he said. The 30,000 cap is the maximum number of

refugees the U.S. will admit during the fiscal year that starts Oct. 1. The actual number allowed in could be lower. So far this year, the U.S. has only admitted 20,918 refugees for the fiscal year set to end in two weeks, according to State Department records.

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Trump declassifies documents related to FBI Russia probe

By CHAD DAY

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump on Monday declassified a trove of documents related to the early days of the FBI's Russia investigation, including a portion of a secret surveillance warrant application and former FBI Director James Comey's text messages.

Trump made the extraordinary move in response to calls from his allies in Congress who say they believe the Russia investigation was tainted by anti-Trump bias within the ranks of the FBI and Justice Department. It also came as Trump continued his efforts to undermine special counsel Robert Mueller's probe in the wake of the guilty plea of his former campaign chairman, Paul Manafort, and amid the ongoing grand jury investigation into a longtime associate, Roger Stone.

Trump's decision will result in the release of text messages and documents involving several top Justice Department and FBI officials who Trump has repeatedly attacked over the last year. White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders announced Trump's decision in a written statement, saying the president had directed the Office of the



President Donald Trump speaks during a meeting of the President's National Council of the American Worker in the Roosevelt Room of the White House, Monday, Sept. 17, 2018, in Washington.

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Director of National Intelligence and the Justice Department to declassify the documents "at the request of a number of committees of Congress, and for reasons of transparency." It was unclear how soon the documents would be released.

In statements Monday evening, the Justice Department and the office of Director of National Intelligence Dan Coats said they are working together to comply with Trump's order, which triggers a declassi-

fication review by various agencies "to seek to ensure the safety of America's national security interests." That review is now ongoing. According to the statement, Trump declassified 21 pages of the 101-page June 2017 application to obtain a warrant under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, or FISA, to monitor the communications of former Trump campaign adviser Carter Page in 2016. Those pages only make up a small part of the 412 pages of FISA applica-

tions and warrants related to Page released by the FBI earlier this year in heavily redacted format. The June 2017 application was the last of four filed by the Justice Department in support of FISA court orders allowing the monitoring of Page for nearly a year.

According to the redacted version, three of the declassified pages involve information included in a section titled "The Russian Government's Coordinated Efforts to Influence the 2016 U.S. Presidential Elec-

tion." That section includes reference to potential coordination between people associated with Trump's campaign and the Russian election interference effort. The other 18 pages appear to relate to information the government submitted that came from ex-British spy Christopher Steele before the presidential election. Steele was a longtime FBI informant whose Democratic-funded research into Trump ties to Russia was compiled into a dossier that has become a partisan lightning rod since its publication in January 2017.

In addition to the FISA applications pages, the president is declassifying all FBI reports documenting interviews in connection with the Page surveillance warrant as well as those documenting interviews with senior Justice Department official Bruce Ohr, who was in contact with Steele.

According to Sanders' statement, Trump also directed the Justice Department to publicly release in full the text messages of Comey, Ohr, former acting FBI Director Andrew McCabe, former FBI lawyer Lisa Page and former FBI special agent Peter Strzok that are related to the Russia investigation. □



In this Dec. 6, 2017, file photo, Air Force Secretary Heather Wilson is testifies during a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on Capitol Hill in Washington.

Associated Press

By ROBERT BURNS

AP National Security Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Creating a Space Force as a separate military service, as proposed by President

Donald Trump, would cost an estimated \$12.9 billion in its first five years, according to a detailed Air Force plan for how to go about it. This is the first publicly

Air Force: Space Force would cost \$13 billion over 5 years

available cost estimate. When the White House announced plans to establish a Space Force in August, Deputy Defense Secretary Patrick Shanahan declined to give a figure but said it would be in "the billions."

The Air Force's estimate is contained in a Sept. 14 memo from Air Force Secretary Heather Wilson, who proposed that the Pentagon ask Congress for the authority and money to establish a Space Force headquarters in 2020.

"The President has clearly communicated his desire for a military department

for space," she wrote. "Strategic competition with Russia and China is the focus of our approach."

Creation of Space Force as a separate military service will require congressional action.

The administration is expected to submit proposed legislation early next year authorizing the establishment of a Space Force. A copy of the Air Force memo was obtained Monday by The Associated Press.

The memo says the first-year cost of a Space Force would be \$3.3 billion, and

the cost over five years would be an estimated \$12.9 billion.

In an indication of the complexities of creating a new military service, the Air Force says the proposed U.S. Space Force would be a separate department organized under a civilian secretary appointed by the president and confirmed by the Senate, along with an undersecretary, four assistant secretaries, a chief lawyer, an inspector general and a legislative liaison. A four-star general would serve as chief of staff. □



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President Barack Obama raised the ceiling to 110,000 in 2017, but the pace slowed dramatically after President Donald Trump took office and issued an executive order addressing refugees. In 2016, the last full year of the Obama administration, the U.S. welcomed nearly 85,000 refugees.

Pompeo said the lower ceiling reflected commitment to aiding families forced to flee their homes by war, persecution or natural disasters while "prioritizing the safety and well-being of the American people." He cited the case of an Iraqi refugee who was arrested in California for killing a policeman in his homeland while fighting for the Islamic State organization.

"This year's proposed refugee ceiling must be considered in the context of the many other forms of protection and assistance offered by the United States," he said, citing U.S. contributions to foreign aid and other forms of humanitarian assistance.

Amnesty International accused the Trump administration of "abandoning" refugees with the lower cap. "This is the lowest goal in the history of the program, and compounded by this administration's history of creating road block after road block for refugees to arrive, this must be perceived as an all-out attack against our country's ability to resettle refugees both now and in the future," said Ryan Mace of Amnesty In-



Secretary of State Mike Pompeo speaks about refugees as he makes a statement to the media Monday, Sept. 17, 2018, at the State Department in Washington.

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ternational.

Worldwide, there were some 25.4 million refugees last year, according to the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, with many more people internally displaced within their home countries. Most aid groups and governments advocate resettlement as a last resort, preferring to allow refugees to return to their homes if conditions improve, rather than permanently moving to another country.

During the ceiling announcement Monday Pompeo advocated U.S. efforts "to end conflicts that drive displacement in the first place and to target the application of foreign aid in

a smarter way."

Trump has made limiting immigration a centerpiece of his policy agenda. The Trump administration's "zero-tolerance" policy that forcibly separated families at the U.S. southern border sparked outrage among Republicans and Democrats alike. Last year Trump temporarily banned visitors from a handful of Muslim-majority nations, and insists he'll build a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border.

Trump has linked increased immigration to increased crime in the United States. Yet, according to resettlement agencies in the United States, the U.S. vetting process is one of the world's

toughest. Of the 3 million refugees admitted to the U.S. since 1975, not one has been arrested for carrying out a lethal terror attack on U.S. soil, according to resettlement agencies.

Most applicants to the U.S. refugee program spend at least three years being interviewed, undergoing biometric checks and medical exams, and filling out paperwork. Cases are screened by the Defense Department, FBI, the Department of Homeland Security and other agencies. After they are resettled, refugees continue to undergo security checks in the United States for five years or more. The Trump administration added requirements, including longer background checks and more screenings for females and males between 14 and 50 from certain countries, including Iraq. □



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As midterms near, Trump gambles on his hardline trade policy

By **PAUL WISEMAN** and **KEN THOMAS**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Farmers worry about falling crop prices and lost sales overseas. Manufacturers fear rising costs and new foreign taxes on their exports. American allies overseas are furious.

By any conventional gauge, President Donald Trump's uncompromising stance toward tariffs and the pain they've begun to cause U.S. individuals and companies so close to midterm elections would seem politically reckless. Yet Trump appears to be betting that his combative actions will soon benefit the country and prove a political winner.

Ditching decades of U.S. trade policy that he says swindled America and robbed its workers, Trump insists he can save U.S. jobs and factories by abandoning or rewriting trade deals, slapping taxes on imports and waging a brutal tariff war with China, America's biggest trading partner.

"Prior presidents in both political parties have never really moved to try to help and protect the American economy and its workforce, its farmers, its manufacturing workers, in a way of creating a level playing field," Larry Kudlow, the top White House economic adviser, told reporters last week. "They give it lip service, and then they back off. This president has no intention of backing off. None. Zero."

Trump's apparent belief is that he and congressional Republicans can rely on the unswerving support of core GOP voters — even in rural areas that have been economically hurt by his trade disputes — and maybe succeed in delivering better trade deals before Election Day. Still, as an insurance policy against failure, the administration is providing \$12 billion in farm aid to soothe trade-war wounds in rural America.

All told, it's a high-risk political gamble.

"It's still unclear ultimately how the issue plays in November," said Nathan Gon-

zales, publisher of Inside Elections, a nonpartisan newsletter.

The U.S. and China have imposed import taxes on \$50 billion worth of each

as justification for slapping taxes on them.

On yet another trade front, the president would raise the stakes considerably if he carries out a threat to

higher prices at the mall and online.

On the basis of public opinion surveys, at least, the president's approach poses political risks. A poll re-

deals to show that his brass-knuckles approach will succeed in the end. He has said he expects to sign a deal with South Korea later this month during the United Nations General Assembly. Earlier this month, he announced an agreement with Mexico to replace NAFTA — a move intended to pressure Canada to embrace a new North American accord on terms favorable to the United States.

Plans are underway for a delegation from China to resume trade discussions with the Trump team as early as this week. In addition, Trump says his team has started trade discussions with Japan and has received interest from India.

For the president, the bet is that America's trading partners will capitulate promptly to his demands, rather than delay negotiations in the hope that Democrats will take control of the House and possibly the Senate and leave the president in a weaker bargaining position.

"There is some pressure to get results," said Philip Levy, senior fellow at the Chicago Council on Global Affairs and a White House economist under President George W. Bush. "They need to do something where they can say, 'Hey, this different approach actually works.'"

Trump is also relying on the loyalty of his supporters in rural America. He has called farmers "patriots" who are willing to absorb economic pain in the short run to buy time for him to negotiate trade deals more advantageous to the United States. Approval for Trump's performance is still running at 53 percent in rural areas, compared with 39 percent overall, according to an NPR/Marist poll released last week. Even if they're worried about the trade disputes, many rural Americans support Trump's stands on social issues such as immigration — a sign that the president may have enough political leeway to drive forward with his hard line on trade. □



In this July 24, 2018, file photo a barn with a banner reading "Trump" is seen behind a field of soy beans in Ashland, Neb. The U.S. and China have imposed import taxes on \$50 billion worth of each other's products.

Associated Press

other's products in a rumble over American allegations that Beijing uses predatory tactics to acquire foreign trade secrets and to try to overtake America's global supremacy in high technology. Over the weekend, news reports indicated that the administration is set to announce tariffs on \$200 billion more in Chinese imports — a step that would significantly escalate the trade war between the world's two largest economies. Beijing has said it would swiftly retaliate against additional U.S. tariffs.

Caught in the crossfire are U.S. soybean farmers, a prime target of Beijing's retaliatory tariffs, whose exports to China account for about 60 percent of their overseas sales. These tariffs make U.S. soybeans prohibitively expensive in China. That means lost sales for American farmers.

Separately Trump has enraged U.S. allies like Canada and the European Union by declaring their steel and aluminum a threat to America's national security

tax \$340 billion in imported cars, trucks and auto parts — action that would raise prices for vehicles Americans buy.

What's more, Trump has threatened to kick Canada out of a North American trade bloc if it doesn't cave in to pressure to open its dairy market, among other things.

Trump is running into resistance in pockets across the country. American farmers who rely on exports are facing retaliation from U.S. trading partners, which depresses export sales and prices of agricultural commodities. Manufacturers that buy steel and aluminum are being hurt by higher prices and supply shortages resulting from the tariffs on imported metals.

Corporations fear that Trump's drive to rewrite the North American Free Trade Agreement will disrupt the supply chains that they've spent the past 24 years building across the United States, Canada and Mexico. If the trade war with China further escalates, consumers would face

leased Aug. 24 by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research found that 61 percent of Americans disapproved of the president's handling of trade negotiations.

"The Trump administration has handed Democrats in the midterms at least a talking point, not just with farmers but with consumers," said Mickey Kantor, the top American trade negotiator under President Bill Clinton and now a partner at the Mayer Brown law firm. Missouri's embattled Democratic senator, Claire McCaskill, is trying to link her Republican challenger, Trump ally Josh Hawley, to a nail manufacturing plant that says it might have to close because the Trump steel tariffs have driven up its costs.

Likewise in North Dakota, Democratic Sen. Heidi Heitkamp is running ads tying her Republican challenger, Rep. Kevin Cramer, to Trump's "reckless trade war." Besides unveiling \$12 billion in aid to farmers hurt by the conflicts, Trump is seeking to reach trade



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Strike ending for last Washington teachers still picketing

By SALLY HO
Associated Press

SEATTLE (AP) — The last of the estimated 125,000 Washington state children who missed the start of school because of teacher strikes are now all going back to class, ending a series of teacher strikes over pay raises that escalated some cases to court and state intervention.

South of Seattle in the city of Tumwater, teachers ratified a new work contract agreement on Monday after a 16-day strike. Tumwater teachers were the last of the Washington state educators on the picket lines and school is expected to start for the district's 6,800 children on Tuesday. Tumwater was among the 13 school districts across the state that had teacher strikes over a monthlong period that began in August, affecting about 11 percent of the state's 1.1 million school children. Bargaining units at most of the state's 295 school systems had sought to renegotiate salaries this year after the state infused at least \$1 billion for teacher pay to resolve a long-running court battle that determined the state was inadequately funding public education. Most of the disputes were negotiated quietly and many ended with double-digit percent salary increases for teachers amid orders from the lawsuit and as political dynamics with the "Red4Ed" protest movement shifted the national conversation about teacher pay and value.

In Washington state, teachers largely prevailed despite escalation tactics on both sides.

Tumwater teachers were

among the two unions dealt a blow when the district sued them to get them back into the classroom and a judge declared that the teacher strikes were illegal. Tumwater teachers resisted that order, as no penalties were imposed, but they were due back in court on Monday. New contract terms with 16.7 percent pay raises were then reached by late Sunday.

The district issued a statement that read in part: "This agreement honors the valuable work our educators conduct with students as well as our commitment to providing a professional and competitive wage." Monday also marked the first day of school for Tacoma Public Schools, one of the state's largest districts, after teachers went on strike for 10 days. The teachers' union had rejected the district's call for a state arbitrator before winning 14 percent pay raises for all certified educators and 19 percent pay raises for office staff. The Battle Ground School district had similarly asked for the state's rarely-used Public Employment Relations Commission to provide third-party "fact-finding" that could have resulted in non-binding pay recommendations, which the unions had decried as a stall tactic.

Angel Morton, president of the Tacoma teachers union, said teachers and school staff are now working to repair their relationship with the administrators. "We ended up with what we asked for all along," Morton said.

Other school district teachers also threaten to walk off their jobs by voting to

authorize strikes. Teachers at Seattle Public Schools, the state's largest district, did so but soon reached a one-year deal giving them 10.5 percent raises just before the first day of school with a new superintendent at the helm. □



Tacoma teachers are jubilant throughout the meeting at Mount Tacoma High School where they voted to accept a new, improved contract and end their strike, Friday, Sept. 14, 2018.

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Emergency crews throw supply lifeline to isolated Wilmington

By **CHUCK BURTON** and **MARTHA WAGGONER**

WILMINGTON, N.C. (AP)

— Throwing a lifeline to a city surrounded by floodwaters, emergency crews delivered food and water to Wilmington on Monday as rescuers picked up more people stranded by Hurricane Florence and the storm's remnants took aim at the densely populated Northeast.

The death toll from Florence rose to at least 21, and crews elsewhere used helicopters and boats to rescue people trapped by still-rising rivers.

"Thank you," a frazzled, shirtless Willie Schubert mouthed to members of a Coast Guard helicopter crew who plucked him and his dog Lucky from atop a house encircled by water in Pollocksville. It was not clear how long he had been stranded.

A day earlier, Wilmington's entire population of 120,000 people was cut off by flooding. By midday Monday, authorities reopened a single unidentified road into the town, which stands on a peninsula. But it wasn't clear if that the route would remain open as the Cape Fear River kept swelling. And officials did not say when other roads might be clear.

In some places, the rain finally stopped, and the sun peeked through, but North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper warned that dangerously high water would persist for days. He urged residents who were evacuated from the hardest-hit areas to stay away because of closed roads and catastrophic flooding that submerged entire communities.

"There's too much going on," he told a news conference.

About two dozen truckloads of military MREs and bottled water were delivered overnight to Wilmington, the state's eighth-largest city, officials said.

The chairman of New Hanover County's commissioners, Woody White, said three centers would open by Tuesday morning to begin distributing essentials to



An unidentified family member carries Ruth Brady to safety at the Wilmington airport in Wilmington, N.C., Monday, Sept. 17, 2018.

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residents. "Things are getting better slowly, and we thank God for that," White said. Mayor Bill Saffo said he was working with the governor's office to get more fuel into Wilmington. "At this time, things are moving as well as can be in the city," he said.

Crews have conducted about 700 rescues in New Hanover County, where more than 60 percent of homes and businesses were without power, authorities said.

Compounding problems, downed power lines and broken trees crisscrossed many roads in Wilmington three days after Florence made landfall. The smell of broken pine trees wafted through damaged neigh-

borhoods.

At the White House, President Donald Trump said almost 20,000 military personnel and federal workers were deployed to help with the aftermath.

"We will do whatever it takes to keep the American people safe," Trump said.

Preliminary statistics from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration showed Florence had the fourth-highest rainfall total of any hurricane to hit the U.S. mainland since 1950, with 35.94 inches (91.2 centimeters) at Elizabethtown, North Carolina. Harvey's total of 60.58 inches (60.5 centimeters) last year in Texas is No. 1.

Desperate for gas to run a

generator at home, Nick Monroe waited in a half-mile-long (more than half-kilometer) line at a Speedway station even though the pumps were wrapped in plastic. His power went off Thursday before Florence hit the coast, but he couldn't recall exactly when.

"It's all kind of a blur," Monroe said.

At another gas station, a long line of vehicles followed a tanker truck that pulled in with 8,800 gallons (33,000 liters) of fuel.

Downgraded from a tropical depression, the deadly storm still had abundant rain and top winds around 25 mph (35 kph). Forecasters said it was expected to continue toward the North-

east, which is in for as much as 4 inches (10 centimeters) of rain, before the system moves offshore again.

Flooding worries increased in Virginia, where roads were closed and power outages were on the rise. In all, about 420,000 homes and businesses in three states were in the dark. Most of the outages were in North Carolina.

The death toll climbed by three as authorities found the body of a 1-year-old boy who was swept away after his mother drove into floodwaters and lost her grip on him while trying to get back to dry land. Elsewhere in North Carolina, an 88-year-old man died after his car was swept away. Authorities in Virginia said one person was dead after an apparent tornado.

Florence, once a fearsome Category 4 hurricane, was still massive. Radar showed parts of the sprawling storm over six states.

Fears of what could be the worst flooding in the state's history led officials to order tens of thousands to evacuate, though it was not clear how many had fled or even could.

Emergency officials had difficulty keeping up with the scope of the spreading disaster. In Lumberton, where the Lumber River inundated homes, Fire Chief John Paul Ivey couldn't even count how many calls authorities had received about people needing to be rescued.

"We've been going so hard and fast we don't have a number yet," he said. □





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Officials: Felon fatally shot Kansas deputy during arrest

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — A man with a history of drug convictions fatally shot a Kansas sheriff's deputy as the deputy tried to handcuff the man on suspicion of vehicle theft, the sheriff's department said Monday. The Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office identified 29-year-old Robert Greeson as the suspect in the killing of Deputy Robert Kunze, who died at a hospital after the shooting Sunday afternoon just outside Wichita. Greeson also died at the scene.

Sedgwick County Sheriff Jeff Easter described the 41-year-old Kunze as "an exceptional deputy." Kunze was a 12-year veteran of the force.

Easter said Kunze was responding to a report about a man in a stolen black truck who was lurking around two all-terrain vehicles and another pickup about 20 miles (32 kilometers) west of downtown Wichita. When Kunze arrived, he found the

hood open on the black truck. Kunze patted down the suspect's waistband and found a .40-caliber handgun.

The gun was placed away from the two of them, but a fight ensued when Kunze tried to handcuff the suspect, Easter said at a news conference Sunday.

Kunze was able to use the emergency button on his portable radio to summon help. Another deputy arrived about a minute later, and two witnesses hiding nearby said shots had been fired. The deputy found Kunze and the suspect on the ground. A .40-caliber handgun was found next to the suspect.

Kunze had been shot once in his upper torso, above his ballistic vest, Easter said. The suspect was shot in his upper torso and waist.

Easter said the deputy's vehicle was equipped with a dash camera but that footage was not yet available. The department is waiting

for ballistic testing to determine how many rounds were fired and from which weapon or weapons, Easter said.

Greeson had been a suspect in the earlier theft of a .40-caliber weapon as well as the black truck and another vehicle on Sunday, Easter said, adding that while there were no other suspects in the deputy's death, there may be more in the other cases.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives is tracing the weapon found at the scene to find out who owned it and whether it had been stolen, agency spokesman John Ham said.

Kansas Department of Corrections records show Greeson had convictions for selling and distributing drugs and for aggravated battery. While incarcerated, he had multiple disciplinary infractions, including for fighting.

The sheriff's office posted a



This 2012 photo provided by the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office in Kansas shows Deputy Robert Kunze, who was shot Sunday, Sept. 16, 2018, after receiving a call about a black truck that had been stolen.

Associated Press

badge covered with a blue and black mourning band on its Facebook page to remember Kunze.

Easter said Kunze "worked with great pride, loved and encouraged the people who worked with him, but

most of all he loved his family." Kunze had a wife and child. "We will always remember him for his smile, his contagious laugh and his ability to engage anyone and everyone in conversation," Easter said. □

Stanford to drop Spanish colonizer's name from its address

PALO ALTO, Calif. (AP) — Stanford University is dropping the name of a controversial 18th century Spanish priest and colonizer from its mailing address and two dormitories.

Junipero Serra led the system of missions in California that "contributed to the destruction of the cultural, economic, and religious practices of indigenous

communities and left many tribal communities decimated," according to the advisory committee that recommended removing his name.

Serra founded the first nine of 21 missions built by Spanish colonists from 1769 to 1823. The San Francisco Chronicle reported Sunday. Native Americans were kept as slave labor and

punished if they tried to escape. The decision by the prestigious private school is the latest example of universities, cities and other institutions abandoning statues or names of controversial historical figures.

Last week, San Francisco removed a statue long decried as racist. The "Early Days" sculpture showed a Spanish cowboy and priest

towering over an indigenous person.

The university is seeking to rename its mailing address, Serra Mall, for its co-founder Jane Stanford. Two dorms named for Serra will get new monikers.

"We hope that renaming the two Serra houses and Serra Mall will remove a significant hurt to Native Americans, other members

of the Stanford community, and the larger diverse world that Stanford seeks to embrace," the advisory committee wrote.

The committee acknowledged the "sense of loss" that alumni and others might feel at changing the university's main street. But it also said that the Serra name is a source of "genuine pain." □

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US, EU and China vie for influence in Eastern Europe

By ALISON MUTLER

Associated Press

BUCHAREST, Romania (AP)

— President Donald Trump on Monday reaffirmed Washington's support for a business summit that aims to boost connectivity in Eastern Europe and improve ties between the region and the U.S. and European Union.

But the West is not the only major player in the region. Shortly before European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker and U.S. Energy Secretary Rick Perry arrived in Bucharest for the two-day Three Seas Initiative Business Forum, Romanian Prime Minister Viorica Dancila met a top Chinese official, saying Romania wanted to export more to China and attract more investment from there.



Bulgarian President Rumen Radev poses with Romanian counterpart Klaus Iohannis and Mihai Durban, the head of Romania's Chamber of Commerce and Industry at the opening of the Three Seas Initiative Business Forum in Bucharest, Romania, Monday, Sept. 17, 2018.

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The timing of the visit by Shen Yueyue, a senior official in the National People's

Congress, may raise eyebrows in the light of one of the biggest summits Romania

has hosted in recent years. Yet it shows how Romania and its neighbors

are using regional leverage to attract the best deal for the less developed part of the bloc. It's something the EU is watching closely.

Regional analyst Radu Magdin said Central and East European countries are "bold enough to know what they want and self-aware enough to use great power competition to their advantage." He said Hungary was adept at playing "a multiple game involving the EU, some conservative circles in the U.S. as well as China and Russia."

Romania has traditionally good relations with China, dating back to the communist era, but has failed to capitalize on Chinese pledges such as building a rail network, Magdin said. As a result, China has done more business with Hungary, Serbia and Ukraine. □

ICC sentences ex-Congo VP to 1 year for witness tampering

By MIKE CORDER

Associated Press

THE HAGUE, Netherlands

(AP) — Judges at the International Criminal Court on Monday re-imposed a one-year prison sentence and 300,000-euro (\$350,000) fine on a former Congolese vice president for interfering with witnesses at his war crimes trial.

However, Jean-Pierre Bemba will not have to go to prison due to time he has already spent in the court's custody.

Bemba and members of his legal team were convicted in 2016 of corruptly influencing witnesses in his trial on charges of commanding troops who committed

atrocities in the Central African Republic. Appeals judges acquitted him of all charges in that case earlier this year and ordered him freed.

Appeals judges in his witness tampering trial upheld most of Bemba's convictions earlier this year but ordered trial judges to reconsider his sentence and those of two of his lawyers. At a brief hearing Monday, the trial judges re-affirmed Bemba's original sentence and sentenced his lawyers, Aime Kilolo and Jean-Jacques Mangenda, to 11 months — equivalent to the time they have already served. Kilolo was also fined 30,000 euros (\$35,000).

Bemba's conviction on witness interference charges has ruled him out of standing as a candidate in Congo's Dec. 23 election. The African nation's electoral commission said that the guilty verdict amounted to corruption. Congolese law bars people convicted of corruption from running for the presidency.

Bemba has accused both the commission and the Constitutional Court, which this month upheld the commission's decision, of being under "full control" of the government of President Joseph Kabila, who after two years of deadly unrest amid the long-delayed election has said he will



Former Congolese Vice President Jean-Pierre Bemba poses for a photograph after being interviewed by The Associated Press in Waterloo, Belgium, Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2018.

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step aside.

Bemba, whose father was close to former longtime

leader Mobutu Sese Seko, finished second to Kabila in the 2006 election. □

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Egypt says it fights fake news, critics see new crackdown

By SAMY MAGDY

CAIRO (AP) — Echoing some of President Donald Trump's rhetoric, authorities in Egypt are taking aim at an alleged barrage of "fake news" they say is meant to sow division and undermine the rule of general-turned-president Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi.

Under a new law, the state's top media regulatory agency can now use the "fake news" label to shut down social media accounts with more than 5,000 followers, without having to obtain a court order. Another new law allows blocking websites with content deemed a threat to national security.

Last month, the government set up a unit tracking alleged rumors, after el-Sissi claimed without elaborating that the government had identified some 21,000 rumors having been circulated over a three-month period this year. The Cabinet often issues statements refuting purported rumors. Government critics denounce the measures as the latest attempt to suppress dissent and silence what is left of independent journalism. Over the past few months, some 500 online sites have been blocked, as part of the state's growing control over the media, according to



In this April 3, 2017 file photo, Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah El-Sissi listens during a meeting with President Donald Trump in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington.

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an Egyptian watchdog, the Association for Freedom of Thought and Expression.

"They (authorities) have blocked all sources of information," said Khaled el-Balshy, a prominent pro-democracy activist and former board member of the Journalists' Union. "They confiscate the media and any area of free speech, even on social media."

Two of his websites were recently blocked, including one just nine hours after its June 19 launch. He said the

government did not publicize the decision or provide an explanation.

Trump has repeatedly accused critical media outlets of being producers of "fake news," labelling them "the enemy of the people," and only lauding those that cover him favorably.

Egypt's government never said publicly that it was embracing Trump's media policies, but el-Sissi, a staunch Trump ally, has made clear that he wants to see the media united behind him.

El-Sissi has alleged that Egypt and other Arab nations are being threatened by rumors.

"The real danger is blowing up countries from within," el-Sissi said in July. "Rumors, terrorist acts, losing hope and frustration, all these (things) function in an incredible network aiming at one objective: to stir up people to destroy their country."

In recent years, more restrictive media policies have been adopted else-

where in the Arab world as governments crack down on social media content.

The Palestinian self-rule government, for example, last year clamped down on social media and news websites — main outlets for debate and dissent in the West Bank — with a vaguely worded law that allows for charges of harming "national unity" or the "social fabric." In Egypt, officials have pointed to several recent reports on social media networks that they said were blatantly false and seemed designed to spread panic. One report claimed poisoned tomatoes were being sold in the markets. Another said authorities planned to tax bank deposits. A third rumor warned depositors that the government planned to seize their foreign currency accounts and give them their equivalent in Egyptian pounds. Not surprisingly, authorities are blaming the misinformation on the Muslim Brotherhood group, which was designated a terrorist organization after the 2013 military overthrow of President Mohammed Morsi, who hails from the group, amid mass street protest against his one-year rule. The government has treated the Brotherhood as its main domestic enemy since then. □

Last stand: Syria's rebel Idlib prepares for a losing battle

By SARAH EL DEEB

Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — They dug trenches around towns, reinforced caves for cover and put up sand bags around their positions. They issued calls to arms, urging young men to join in the defense of Idlib, the Syrian province where opposition fighters expect to make their last stand against Russian- and Iranian-backed government troops they have fought for years. This time, it's "surrender or die."

As the decisive stand for their last stronghold looms, this motley crew of tens of thousands of opposition fighters, including some of the world's most radical groups, is looking for ways to salvage whatever is possible of an armed rebellion that at one point in the seven-year conflict controlled more than half of the country.

In its last chapter, just as it has throughout the long, bloody war, the Syrian rebellion's fate lies in foreign hands. This time, the splintered and diverse rebels have only Turkey.

"The whole world gave up on us, but Turkey will not," said Capt. Naji al-Mustafa, spokesman for the Turkish-backed umbrella group known as the National Front for Liberation.

Idlib, with its 3 million residents and more than 60,000 fighters, is Turkey's burden to bear.

Ankara has appealed to Russia and Iran, its uneasy negotiating partners, for a diplomatic resolution to the ticking bomb. At the same time, it has sent reinforcements of its troops ringing Idlib, a move designed to ward off a ground assault, at least for now.

A wide offensive is only likely after a green light from Russia. But delicate diplomatic moves are at work. Moscow is keen on strengthening ties with Turkey, at a time when Ankara's relations are at their lowest with the United States. Turkey, by calling on the United States and Europe for support, seems to be playing on that interest to pressure



In this Sunday, Sept. 9, 2018 file photo, fighters with the Free Syrian army eat in a cave where they live, in the outskirts of the northern town of Jisr al-Shughur, Syria, west of the city of Idlib.

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Russia to accept its proposals for a solution on Idlib that avoids an attack.

On Monday, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan met for the second time in 10 days with Russia's Vladimir Putin, this time in Sochi, Russia.

"After proving its influence in Syria and the Middle East, Russia wants to pull Turkey away from the West much more than achieve a military victory over the armed Syrian opposition," Mustafa Ellabbad, an expert on Turkish-Arab relations, wrote in Kuwait's al-Qabas newspaper.

The province, the size of Lebanon, has been the beating heart of the rebellion for years. In rebel hands since 2015, it is the largest contiguous territory they controlled. It has access to Turkish borders, securing supply lines for weapons, fighters and aid.

For the past two years, Idlib saw an influx of an estimated 20,000 rebel fighters from around the country after their losses to government troops and surrender deals negotiated with Russia and Damascus following devastating sieges. Civilians who refused to go back under government rule were also bussed there, nearly doubling the province's population.

Among the estimated 60,000 opposition fighters in

Idlib are at least 10,000 radicals affiliated with the al-Qaida-linked group, Hayat Tahrir al-Sham (Arabic for Levant Liberation Committee). The group denies it is linked to al-Qaida. Thousands of foreign fighters, from China, Europe and the Middle East, are the backbone of the radical groups.

The Turkish reinforcements are going to 12 observation points that Ankara set up around Idlib last year under a deal with Russia and Iran creating a "de-escalation zone." The deal also effectively stopped an earlier government advance and set Turkey up as Idlib's protector.

Separately, Turkey has troops stationed in the enclave under its control north and east of Idlib, where it backs Syrian opposition fighters and a civilian administration. It is part of its plan to create a safe area along the border where some of the more than 3 million Syrian refugees it hosts may return.

Ankara initially sent in its troops more than two years ago to push out the Islamic State group and Syrian Kurdish fighters. For Ankara, the increasingly assertive, U.S.-backed Syrian Kurds were an existential threat that encourages the aspirations of its own Kurdish insurgents.

"In the mind of the rebellion, the hope is that from Turkish support they can have ... a republic of northern Syria, protected by Turkey like Northern Cyprus," said Fabrice Balanche, a Syria watcher at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy.

These Turkey-administered areas are likely to be the destination of the displaced and rebels of Idlib in case of an offensive.

An Idlib offensive holds multiple threats for Turkey right on its border — a humanitarian crisis, a security nightmare with thousands of gunmen loose and a defeat to its plans for the safe zone. If Syrian forces retake Idlib with no agreement on the fate of the opposition fighters, they could threaten the Turkey-controlled enclave, and Ankara would lose credibility with the fighters and leverage with Damascus on any future deal.

"There is really no way for the Syrian military and Damascus' allies to launch a military offensive on Idlib that doesn't have deeply negative, injurious effects on Turkey. There is no real way they can cushion this for Turkey," said Sam Heller, a Syria expert in the Brussels-based International Crisis Group.

Turkey's strategy in the opposition areas has been

complicated by the presence of radical fighters. By backing the National Front, it argued it can draw fighters away from the al-Qaida-linked HTS, the dominant power in the province, forcing it to dissolve and creating a new opposition force ready to negotiate with the Syrian government.

The strategy has had limited success.

The National Front in recent months gained control of territory in Idlib from HTS, which still controls nearly 70 percent of the province. HTS began to show signs of splits and two weeks ago, Turkey declared it a terrorist group.

But with the onset of a military offensive, HTS has set up joint operation rooms with different National Front factions.

Making a rare video appearance in late August, HTS leader Abu Mohamed al-Golani — wearing an olive-green military uniform — vowed to fight Assad's forces and said Turkish observation points were no protection.

The HTS spokesman in Idlib said now was not the time to talk about dissolving into Turkish-backed rebel groups. He underlined that an arrangement must eventually be made for the foreign fighters in the group.

"Right now, no sound is louder than that of the battle," Imad Eddin Mujahed said. "We have many military surprises; enough to upset the balance and ward off aggressors."

In rallies around Idlib the last two weeks, protesters took to the streets to deny that the province is a hotbed of extremists. Thousands raised only the flag of the Syrian revolution, a reminder that there was once a popular uprising against Assad, and Idlib is now its last bastion.

Some raised banners reading: "The rebels are our hope and the Turks are our brothers."

Syrian forces and Iranian-backed militias are likely to avoid a clash with the Turkish troops. □

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Turkey, Russia agree on demilitarized zone in Syria's Idlib

By JIM HEINTZ
SARAH EL DEEB
Associated Press

MOSCOW (AP) — The leaders of Russia and Turkey agreed Monday to establish a demilitarized zone in Syria's Idlib region, the last major stronghold of anti-government rebels where fears had been running high of a devastating offensive by government forces.

The zone will be established by Oct. 15 and be 15-20 kilometers (9-12 miles) deep, with troops from Russia and NATO-member Turkey conducting coordinated patrols, President Vladimir Putin said at the end of a more than three-hour meeting with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan in Sochi.

The deal marked a significant agreement between the two leaders and effectively delays an offensive by Syria and its Russian and Iranian allies, one that Turkey fears would create a humanitarian crisis near its border.

Putin said "radical militants" would have to withdraw from the zone. Among them would be those from the al-Qaida-linked Hayat Tahrir al-Sham — Arabic for Levant Liberation Committee. The group denies it is linked to al-Qaida.

It was not immediately clear exactly how the deal would be implemented in the province, which is home to more than 3 million Syrians and an estimated 60,000 rebel fighters from various groups.

"I believe that with this agreement we prevented



Russian President Vladimir Putin and Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan shake hands after joint news conference in the Bocharov Ruchei residence in the Black Sea resort of Sochi in Sochi, Russia, Monday, Sept. 17, 2018.

a great humanitarian crisis in Idlib," Erdogan said at a joint briefing with Putin.

Turkey has been eager to prevent an assault by Syrian government troops in the province.

Putin said he believed the agreement on Idlib could hasten final resolution of Syria's long and devastating civil war.

"We agreed that practical implementation of the steps we plan will give a fresh impetus to the process of political settlement of the Syrian conflict and will make it possible to invigorate efforts in the Geneva format and will help restore peace in Syria," he

said.

Asked whether Syrian President Bashar Assad's government agreed with the Putin-Erdogan plan, Russian Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu told reporters in Sochi that "in the coming hours, we will agree with them on all the positions put forth in this document." Ahmed Ramadan, a spokesman for the Syrian political opposition in exile, said the agreement offered Russia a chance to walk back its threat against Idlib and represented a success for diplomatic pressure from Turkey and the United States, which was also against an offensive.

Ramadan also said the deal offers the Syrian government and Russia one of their main demands, which is securing the highway that passes through Idlib and links northern Syria with other cities. That was one of the government's strategic aims in an offensive in Idlib. "Turkey offered Putin a ladder with which to climb down from the tree, threatening a military offensive in Idlib that had little chance for success," Ramadan said in a series of text messages with The Associated Press. "The Turkish and U.S. serious pressures were the reason behind Russia abstaining from the offensive and of-

fering an air cover which means Iran alone won't be able to carry out the offensive with the overstretched forces of the Assad regime." He said Russia has also refrained from its accusations that the rebels are all terrorists. "Russia swallowed all its accusations," he said. "Turkey is in a strong position." He said the zone would be enforced by Turkish patrols on the opposition side and Russian patrols on the government side.

Ramadan added that the opposition was now stronger than when it was after losses in Daraa and Ghouta. He said the Russians reached the agreement without negotiating it first with the Syrian government, pointing to Shoigu's comments that Moscow will discuss the deal with the Syrian government later.

Abu Omar, a spokesman for the Turkey-backed rebel group Faylaq al-Sham, thanked Erdogan for preventing an offensive and giving the rebels time to defend their rebellion and people. Millions "of civilians in Idlib are in peace," he tweeted.

He said he was confident that the deal "would not have been possible without the steadfastness of our people and fighters. Thank you, Erdogan." Capt. Naji al-Mustafa, a spokesman for the Turkey-backed umbrella group of opposition fighters known as the National Front for Liberation, said diplomatic efforts have prevented a wide-offensive on Idlib but that his group still needs to learn the details of the deal. □



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Leading Brazil candidate says he fears electoral fraud

By MAURICIO SAVARESE

SAO PAULO (AP) — The man leading Brazil's presidential election polls says he is worried that fraud could cost him victory in October, raising questions about whether he would accept defeat.

Far-right candidate Jair Bolsonaro made a Facebook live posting Sunday saying he sees a risk that fraud might give the election to Fernando Haddad, who has replaced jailed former President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva on the left-leaning Workers Party ticket. Da Silva led in polls before being disqualified due to a corruption conviction.

"The great concern is not to lose the vote, it is to lose by fraud. That possibility of fraud in the runoff, maybe even in the first vote, is concrete," Bolsonaro said in his first address to supporters from a hospital where he is



In this Sept. 5, 2018 file photo, Jair Bolsonaro, National Social Liberal Party presidential candidate, greets supporters during a campaign rally in Brasilia, Brazil.

Associated Press

recovering from a Sept. 6 stabbing attack.

"The Workers' Party discovered the way to power, and that is the electronic

voting," he said.

Bolsonaro didn't provide any evidence to support his claim, though over the years he has expressed

distrust in Brazil's electronic voting system. The congressman sponsored a bill for voters to get a receipt after casting their bal-

lots, a move that was later blocked by Brazil's top court on grounds it might lead to fraud.

Recent polls show Bolsonaro and Haddad are likely to lead the Oct. 7 first-round vote and then face an Oct. 28 runoff.

Bolsonaro has been hospitalized since the stabbing and while he left intensive care over the weekend, it's unclear when he might be able to resume personal campaigning. The motive for the attack on him remains unclear. On Monday Haddad accused the far-right candidate of "toying with democracy" with the fraud claim and said that Bolsonaro and his vice presidential running mate, retired Gen. Hamilton Mourao, are raising the risk of authoritarianism in Brazil, which emerged from two decades of dictatorship in 1985. □

Guatemala court backs UN ant-graft chief against president

By SONIA PEREZ D

Associated Press

GUATEMALA CITY (AP) — In a blunt rebuke to President Jimmy Morales, Guatemala's Constitutional Court ordered that the head of a U.N.-backed anti-corruption commission be let back in the country two weeks after Morales barred him as he moved to defang the investigative body.

The unanimous ruling late Sunday by the court's five magistrates marked the second time in as many years that the court has reversed Morales' efforts to



Guatemalan President Jimmy Morales delivers his speech during a session to celebrate the country's independence, in Guatemala City, Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2018.

Associated Press

keep Ivan Velasquez out of Guatemala. The commission's chairman has pressed a number of high-profile graft probes, including one pending against the president himself.

There was no immediate public reaction from the president. His spokesman, Alfredo Brito, did not respond to phone calls Sunday night seeking comment.

Morales announced in late August that he would not renew the mandate of the commission for another two-year term, effectively

giving it a year to wind down and end its activities. A few days later the president said that Velasquez, a Colombian national who was in Washington at the time, would be prohibited from re-entering this Central American nation. Morales called him "a person who attacks order and public security in the country."

Morales' order touched off public protests in support of the body, and multiple appeals were promptly filed with the Constitutional Court. □

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Care Caribbean Meet-up



THE NETHERLANDS — The educational foundation WeConnect in a joint effort with their partner Aso-shashon Mediko di Antias (Association Medics of the Antilles) will be organizing the Care Caribbean Meet-up on Saturday November 24th of 2018. On this day several health institutions and healthcare professionals will come together at the World Trade Center in The Hague, the Netherlands.

The Care Caribbean meet up will primarily focus on the improvements that can be made in facilitating the return of local healthcare professionals who studied abroad. The world-renowned oncologist Herbert (Bob) Pinedo from Curaçao will be present as guest of honor and will give a presentation as keynote speaker.

Caribbean students

In the last few years, We-Connect has been making great strides in Capacity Building on the islands. With this meet-up, they aim to further stimulate the return of healthcare professionals from the Dutch Caribbean islands who have studied in the Netherlands. These are students and young professionals who know the culture, dominate the native languages perfectly

and share a genuine concern for the islands. "There is a lot of competition in the healthcare field, so we are encouraging employers to come up with attractive incentives to be able to attract these Caribbean students back to the islands. Think about for example nurses, physiotherapists, speech therapists; an attractive job with the possibility to further develop themselves is important for this generation of young professionals", says Tanja Fraai, WeConnect manager.

Young healthcare professionals

The Association Medics of the Antilles (AMA) was established last year with the goal to bring together young university educated healthcare professionals and students from the islands who live in the Netherlands. The association not only consists of medical students from the former Dutch Antilles and Aruba but also includes graduated doctors, pharmacists and many other healthcare professionals. In less than a year the association has quickly grown to include over 200 members. One of the main goals of AMA is to create a platform where supply and demand in the healthcare field can meet each other. They try

(future) doctors who cannot wait to return to the islands".

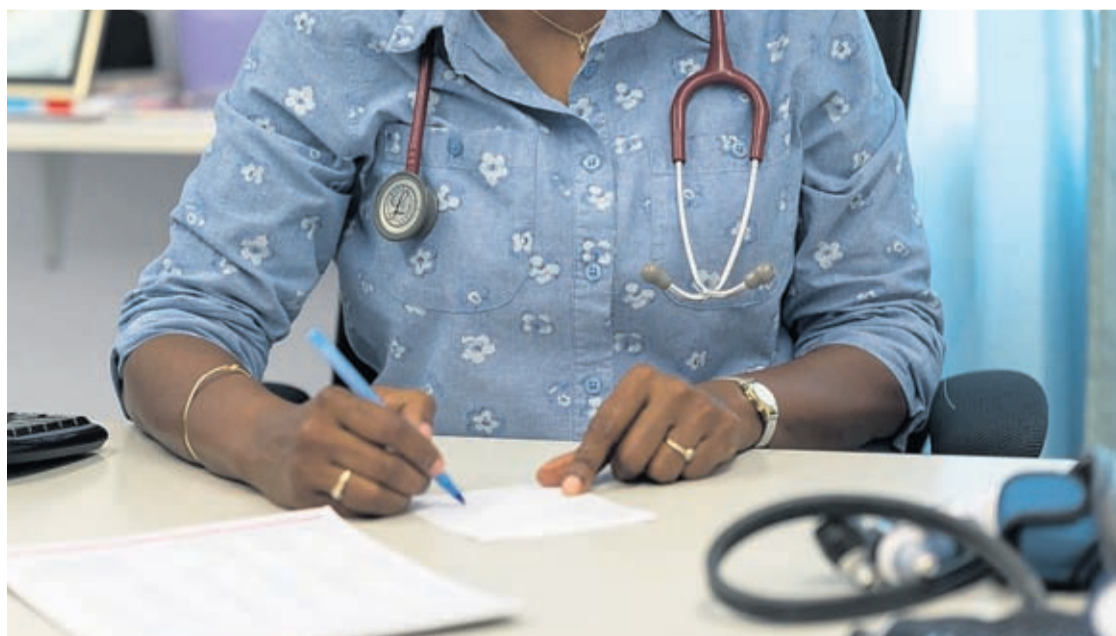
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The meet-up has been set up to be as interactive as possible. The principal goal is together with all of the partners involved to help design a long-term strategy to make it attractive for the Dutch Caribbean healthcare professionals to return to the islands. Some other topics that will be discussed during the event include prevention, the education of future healthcare professionals with a pre-planned goal to return to the island, as well as future collaboration between the islands within the Dutch Kingdom. The famous oncologist Bob Pinedo, a role model for the younger generation, will give a presentation on the great endeavours he has made throughout his career for his birth country Curaçao. The health ministers of all four countries in the Dutch Kingdom, as well as representatives of the various local hospitals have been asked to contribute in the debate on how to draw on local paramedics and medical personnel to the islands. After the interactive public session there will be several booths where the healthcare organisations can present themselves and interact

with the attendees.

Enthusiasm

Several healthcare institutions had a positive reaction and have confirmed their presence at this event. The Horacio Oduber Hospital of Aruba, the Saint Martin Medical Center, as well as the Health Insurance Office BES and The White Yellow Cross Care foundation of Saint Martin will fly over to the Netherlands especially for the event. A number of students and healthcare professionals from a wide range of specialties have already signed up for this event, consisting of dietitians in training, anesthesiologists, ophthalmologists and doctors working in fields ranging from psychiatry to cardiology. "We are doing our best to reach as many students and professionals of several educational levels (MBO, HBO and university) by trying to reach out to all of the different educational institutions in the Netherlands" says Tanja Fraai. The Dutch Ministry of Public Health, Well-being and Sports is sponsoring the meet-up, which will be free of charge for all attendees. Additional information can be found via the website <https://www.medikoantiano.com/care-caribbean>. □



LAUNCHING OF "I AM ARUBA"



ORANJESTAD — iAmAruba is excited to announce that the launching of "I AM ARUBA" will take place at the end of September 2018, with all products simultaneously hitting stores all around Aruba. A local brand is born here in Aruba. A young local entrepreneur had a vision to establish an organization to create awareness for local foundations that assist the disabled in the community and also promote the beauty and greatness of

our island by using the platform I AM ARUBA.

The CEO of I AM ARUBA, Sandrich Bislik, stated that iAmAruba will allow people to empower and support a cause of great social significance for the island. They focus on giving back to the community as a platform by delivering products of the highest quality, creating awareness and facilitating communication between organizations (such as FEPO) to reach out to

the needed public. Additionally, they strive to build value for our stakeholders by ensuring customer satisfaction. The products that are going to be launched are shirts and caps, with proceeds going to FEPO (Fundacion pa Esnan cu Problema di Oido), Foundation for People with a Hearing Problem.

I Am Aruba's collaboration with FEPO is mirrored between partners and the brand itself. Mr. Bislik stated in reference to press media, "Launching has taken slightly longer than we expected but it was worth the wait. We have been able to harness strong relationships with our partners. I believe this brand can create an empowerment and support together with our partners in order to serve the community by selling our products."

The CEO of I AM ARUBA is himself hard of hearing and he decided to give back to FEPO because it assisted in his education through

therapies when he was just a child. "Without FEPO, I would not be where I am today," says Bislik. Thanks to them that I created this foundation to give back to FEPO and their patients. And it is with great optimism that the local community is going to support.

I AM ARUBA by buying our

products." I AM ARUBA also partnered with different businesses around the island that will be selling iAmAruba products. They will give out all information very soon at a formal launch ceremony. "If you aren't making a difference in other people's lives, you shouldn't be in business - it's that simple". □



Oranje Fonds seeks social projects for the "Appeltje van Oranjes 2019" award

ORANJESTAD — Registration for this annual award is open. Starting now all islands taking part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands can start to register their organizations for the award of "Appeltjes van Oranje".

This year's theme is "The power of doing more together as a volunteer". Oranje Fonds seeks social organizations that through their processes, innovation and passion throughout the year, know-how to mobilize and get as many volunteers as possible to be part of their social project. The main goal here is to keep the volunteers active permanently.

Peter Douwes, director of the funds, says, "We believe in a society that is socially involved together. To

achieve this you need people who are willing to work together, be hands-on and do it with passion. Volunteers are a very crucial part of this."

There are conditions applied in order to be a nominee for the "Appeltje van Oranje 2019". The organization's vision must be clear and have an achievable goal. The initiative must be transferrable and must have a working example. More information on all the conditions can be found on the website.

The final prize will be presented in May 2019 by Queen Maxima at the Noordeinde Palace in Den Haag, Netherlands. A total of 3 winners will be chosen. All winners will receive a bronze statue, created by Princess Beatrix of the

Netherlands, and a sum of 15.000 euros. King Willem-Alexander and Queen Maxima are the main sponsors of the Oranje Fonds.

Each year Queen Maxima hands over the prizes to the winners. During this lustrum year, this is being done by King Willem-Alexander.

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Aruba to me is where I rescued my 10 week old puppy - "Glenn - from Animal Relief Foundation"

I volunteered to transport the puppy through customs and take him to Boston, Mass - USA - where I was to turn him over to his foster family

During the five hours flying to Boston - I fell in love with him - and wanted to keep him BUT I turned him over to his foster family - as I had agreed to do -

The very next morning - I called the Foster family and they allowed me to adopt him.

I changed his name to SKIPPY and he is now in his forever home

Thank you Animal Relief Foundation for allowing him to come to the USA with me. ☐



Hurricane Season Safety Tips

ARUBA — Hurricanes can shatter lives as well as damage property. Being prepared can help you, your family or your business minimize the impact of the storm. The best way time to start is before the threat is imminent. Here's what you need to know.

Don't wait until a hurricane watch is issued, because it may already be too late to take certain precautions. Reduce property damage and get through any hurricane emergency with less stress by preparing before the season begins.

Determine Your Risk



Hurricanes have multiple severe weather threats including, extreme winds, flooding and power outages. Know if the area you live and work in is more prone or vulnerable to a particular threat and begin prepping.

Practice an Evacuation Plan

After assessing the hazards of a hurricane, it is important to plan your evacuation and transportation plans. You'll need to act quickly in an emergency so knowing possible routes and practicing ahead of time will help save you in case of a disaster.

Gather Disaster Supplies

There are many lists of basic supplies that could come in handy during a storm. Many suggests when prepping any kind of kit of "Go Bag" to focus on Five Ps of Evacuation: People, Prescriptions, Papers, Personal Needs and Priceless items.

Schedule an Insurance Check-Up

Did you know it usually takes around 30 days for flood insurance to begin? Does your current insurance policy cover high wind damage? If you live in a coastal area, having insurance that protects you from specific hurricane emergencies is important.

Fortify Your Home

Aside from permanent storm shutters and trimming limbs of surrounding trees, there are many mitigation ideas for reducing your home's risk during extreme weather. For example,



forming a citizen plan committee could help fortify more than just one home, but whole neighborhoods if they are susceptible to flooding.

Check With Your Neighbor
During emergency situations, entire communities often have to work together and rely on each other. Begin a conversation with your neighbors about ways you could help each other in case of severe weather. You could schedule a time to gather and prepare your

supply kits together, discuss potential evacuation routes and ways to stay connected.

Write Down Your Hurricane Plan

Once you've begun your preparations, write down your plan, where you might evacuate to, emergency contact numbers, etc. This will help alleviate stress if disaster does strike as well as make it easier for your whole family to know and practice your plan. □

CHABAD TO COMMEMORATE LOST LOVED ONES ON YOM KIPPUR



ORANJESTAD — On Yom Kippur, the day when Jewish community across the world unite in atonement and forgiveness, Chabad of Aruba will hold a Yizkor memorial service, during Yom Kippur prayers.

Recited by community members who have experienced the death (G-d forbid) of a parent, sibling, spouse or child, Yizkor gives space to remember one's loved ones communally on a day that emphasizes communal unity and personal growth.

Rabbi Blasberg will lead Yizkor at Chabad at 12pm on September 19, which is Yom Kippur morning. Services for the day begin at 10am. All community members who wish to attend Yizkor are welcome to join in remembering their loved ones.

Coming on Tuesday evening, Sept 18 and Wednesday, Sept 19 until nightfall, on the 10th day after Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur is the day when G-d forgives all of the Jewish people's sins, both as individuals and as a community. By the

same token, Jews around the world will spend the day in prayer-atonement for their sins, thanking G-d for his forgiveness and focusing on self-improvement for the year to come. Because of the day's importance, Jews focus on prayer so much that they do not eat, drink or work. Yizkor adds to the day's solemnity and brings community members together as they begin a new year.

For decades, Chabad-Lubavitch, an international Jewish organization that firmly believes Jewish traditions and customs is a birthright of every Jew and that every Jew should have access to them, has made High Holiday services available free of charge, a model that other synagogues and organizations around the world are now looking at to replicate. The Yizkor service is one of many Chabad holiday programs, which give Jews the opportunity to perform Jewish holiday rituals and

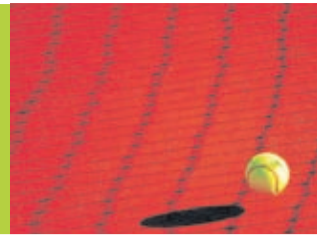
remember their ancestors.

"Yizkor is one of the most powerful moments of Yom Kippur," said Rabbi Ahron Blasberg. "The memorial service allows community members to make space

for lost loved ones on this important day, and to remember those family members as a new year begins." For a complete list of Service times and location please visit www.JewishAruba.com/higholidays □



SPORTS



Brad Keselowski celebrates after winning a NASCAR Cup Series auto race Sunday, Sept. 16, 2018, in Las Vegas.

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Keselowski wins NASCAR playoff opener, gets 500th for Penske

By GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

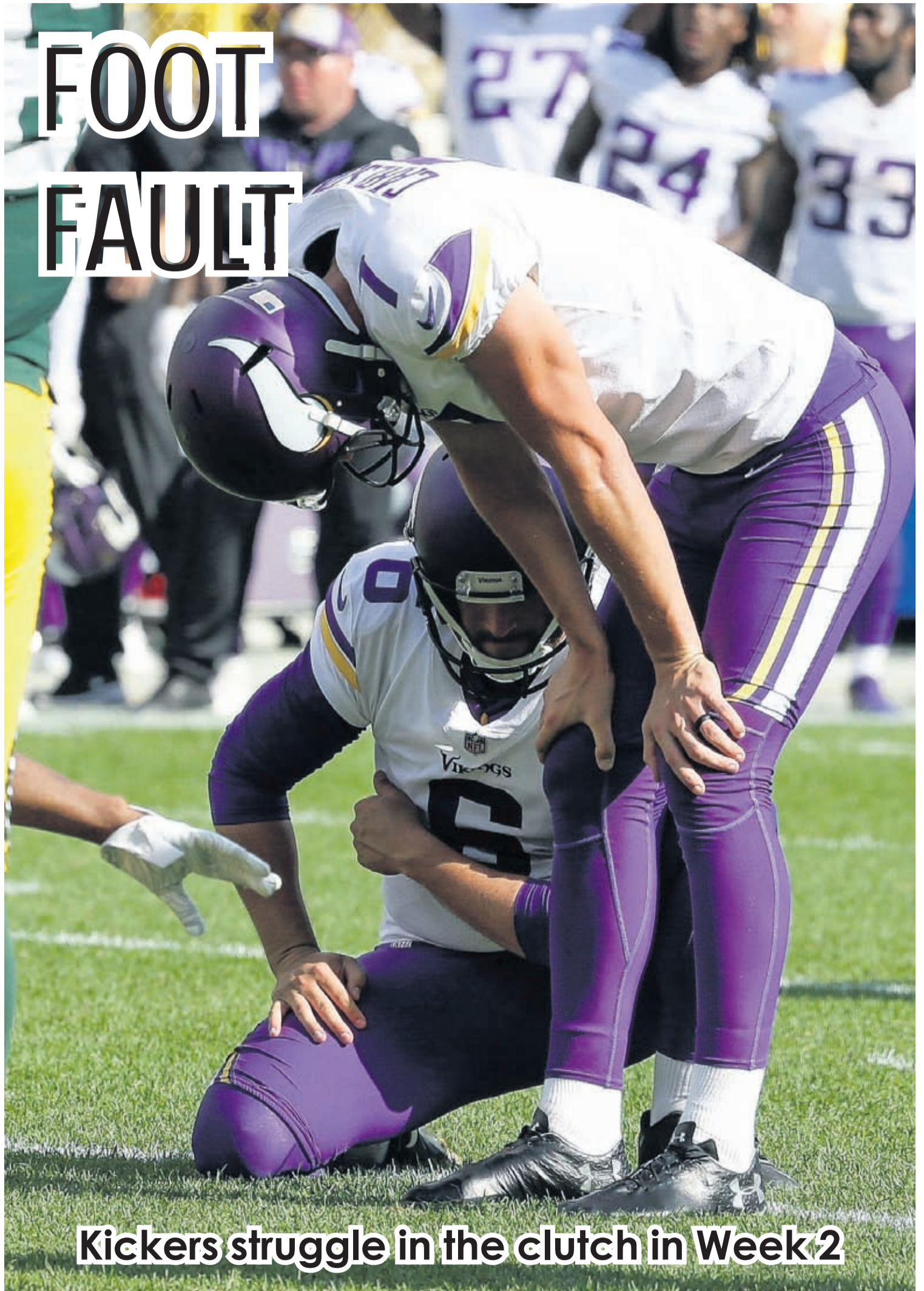
LAS VEGAS (AP) — Brad Keselowski nailed the final restart and roared away from the field in the scorching Vegas heat.

With another huge performance in his late-season surge, Keselowski finished up front again — and he's got NASCAR's Big Three drivers looking over their shoulders.

Keselowski raced to his third consecutive Cup series victory Sunday, opening the playoffs by persevering through a wreck-filled afternoon and taking charge of overtime. He also secured team owner Roger Penske's 500th victory across all competitions with his resourceful performance amid 99-degree conditions and constant stop-and-start late drama of a race featuring 12 cautions and several wrecks.

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FOOT FAULT



Kickers struggle in the clutch in Week 2

Minnesota Vikings kicker Daniel Carlson reacts after missing a field goal in the final seconds of overtime an NFL football game against the Green Bay Packers Sunday, Sept. 16, 2018, in Green Bay, Wis. The game ended in a 29-29 tie.

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U.S. Open women's singles champion Naomi Osaka poses for photographers after a press conference prior to the Pan Pacific Open tennis tournament in Tokyo Monday, Sept. 17, 2018.
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Naomi Osaka victory tour stops at sumo match, and she liked it

TOKYO (AP) — Naomi Osaka showed how deep her Japanese roots run: She went to watch Japan's national sport of sumo and said she liked it.

Osaka is in Tokyo this week to play in the Pan Pacific Open, just a week after she won the U.S. Open to become the first Japanese woman to win a Grand Slam singles title.

Osaka was born in Japan to a Haitian father and Japanese mother. She has spent most of her life in the United States and lives in Florida, but is sure to represent Japan at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

"I thought it was really cool because they're so flexible and they're also very strong," Osaka said Monday at the Pan Pacific Open. "During one match, he kept slapping the other guy. So I thought it was really fun to watch."

Osaka is seeded third in Tokyo and had a bye in the first round. She is the subject of intense interest by Japanese reporters.

She fields questions in English but understands most questions posed to her in Japanese.

Two years ago she lost in

the final to Caroline Wozniacki, who is the top-seeded player this year.

"I've played a lot more matches between then and now," Osaka said. "And I think it even shows that I'm a little bit more mature now. So, I mean of course having experience helps." She also added that "being more confident in yourself" also helps.

Osaka is suddenly on track to become one of the highest earning female athletes on earth, taking advantage of roots in Asia, deep-pocketed Japanese companies, and a down-to-earth manner that makes her quickly likable.

Last week, Osaka signed a three-year contract with Japanese carmaker Nissan — no financial details were offered — and she is reportedly close to landing a large deal with Adidas, perhaps in the range of \$10 million.

The U.S. Open title was worth \$3.8 million in prize money.

Osaka also has deals with Japanese sporting goods company Yonex, noodle maker Nissin Foods, Citizen Watch and Japanese satellite broadcaster Wowow. □



In this April 3, 2018 file photo New York Rangers goaltender Henrik Lundqvist, of Sweden, protects his net against the New Jersey Devils during the third period of an NHL hockey game in Newark, N.J.

Associated Press

Lundqvist happy to be part of Rangers' rebuilding

By **VIN A. CHERWOO**
AP Sports Writer

Henrik Lundqvist is entering his 14th season in the NHL, having spent his entire career with the New York Rangers. And although the team is in a rebuilding mode for a future run at their first Stanley Cup title since 1994, the 36-year-old goalie wants to stick around and be a part of that process.

"People talk about rebuild and nobody knows how long of a project that is," Lundqvist said at the Rangers' practice facility in Greenburgh, New York. "There's no other place I want to be. I feel great, excited to be back here and just see how far we can take this forward this year." The Rangers are in their current state after dealing several stars in a youth movement at the trade deadline last winter and then finishing 20 points out of a playoff spot while missing the postseason for the first time in eight years. Hours after their last game in April, coach Alain Vigneault was fired and replaced weeks later by David Quinn, who made the jump from Boston University to the NHL.

Lundqvist said he got a "re-

ally good impression" of the new coach when Quinn traveled to Sweden during the summer to meet with the veteran goalie and forwards Mika Zibanejad and Jesper Fast. However, Lundqvist is eager to see how Quinn is during the season.

"It's one thing to sit down in July and discuss, and another to discuss under pressure," Lundqvist said. "I'm curious to see how things are going to feel in here. I think every time you have a new coach, you're going to have a different feel in the room. Just the way they coach and the way they speak to the group. You always learn something."

Quinn is fine with that. The coach said he knew all along that Lundqvist wanted to be a part of the Rangers' new direction. "Just the shape he's in tells you that he's all in," Quinn said. "I had a pretty good idea of where he was once I took the job, it was always part of the conversations. So I had a good idea he was all in and wanted to stay and wanted to finish his career here and be part of the next wave of success."

Lundqvist is coming off a season in which he went

26-26-7 with a 2.98 goals-against average — the highest of his career. It was also just the second time he finished with fewer than 30 wins; the other was the lockout-shortened 2012-13, when he was 24-16-3.

His offseason training last year was delayed when he injured his knee playing for Sweden in the world championships. This year, he had a platelet-rich plasma injection in his right knee after the season, took a few weeks off and then began his summer routine.

"It's back to where it needs to be," he said. "I feel great. Right now, there's nothing really bothering me. I can go 100 percent."

Happy that training camp has started, Lundqvist is looking forward to seeing how the team shapes up.

"Camp is always fun," he said. "It's always the same feeling. You're anxious to get going, a little nervous, excited. It feels really good to be here."

The Rangers still have plenty of talent on the roster, led by forwards Mats Zuccarello, Kevin Hayes, Chris Kreider and Zibanejad, and defensemen Kevin Shattenkirk, Brady Skjei and Marc Staal. □



NASCAR PLAYOFF

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"I didn't think it was ever going to end," Keselowski said after his 27th career victory and third in Las Vegas. "I was worried about running out of gas there at the end."

Keselowski had plenty of worries with just two laps to go while he sat in his stationary car and waited for the cleanup of Michael McDowell's wreck with Kurt Busch. But after the red-flag stop ended, nobody could keep up with Keselowski's Team Penske Ford.

The victory extended an extraordinary late-season run for Keselowski, who won at Darlington and the Brickyard in consecutive weeks before Vegas. Keselowski credited his pit crew's efficiency for the latest win in his improbable surge, which has added some intrigue to a NASCAR season largely dominated by the Big Three of Truex, Harvick and Kyle Busch.

"We have not been the best car the last three

weeks," Keselowski said. "We put everything together when it counted, and we kind of stole it today. Same scenario the last two weeks. ... I feel like we stole the last three races. We're not complaining, but we still have a lot of work to do to go out there and win heads-up without those issues." Penske was not in attendance for his landmark victory at Las Vegas Motor Speedway, instead watching from Sonoma at the IndyCar season finale. He formed Team Penske in 1966, and it has fielded 50 winning drivers across 14 race series during the ensuing 52 years.

The owner pumped his fist on the timing stand in Sonoma after Keselowski won. "We did it, boss!" Keselowski shouted. "That's quite a number, right? It's really great to be a part of that, and to get the last one to get us there, that's pretty great." Kyle Larson was second, and defending Cup series champion Martin Truex Jr. came in third.



Brendon Gaughan, right, presents Brad Keselowski with a trophy following a NASCAR Cup Series auto race Sunday, Sept. 16, 2018, in Las Vegas.

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Keselowski's rivals are very aware of his surge against stiff odds. "Brad clearly found the horseshoe," Truex said. "Three races in a row he's won, (and) he has not had the best car. ... He hasn't led the most laps in any of those races, and he showed up at the end with good pit stops and good short-run speed. I think clearly, it's pretty obvious how it worked out. He's hot

right now. He's on a streak. That's the way it goes. We finished third with the best car." Eight of the 16 playoff drivers had various problems during the race, which had six cautions in the final 60 laps alone. Four playoff drivers failed to finish — including co-leader Kevin Harvick, who wrecked with 120 laps to go when he blew his right front tire.

Kyle Busch finished seventh

in Vegas even after clipping the wall and plowing through the infield grass with 35 laps to go.

Truex moved into the overall points lead over Busch and Keselowski, who leapfrogged Harvick.

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Harvick's blown tire also wrecked pole-sitter Erik Jones, who couldn't react quickly enough and rear-ended Harvick. The 42-year-old former champ doesn't need a fantastic result from the first set of playoff races to advance, but he was still furious about his tire failure. "There was something wrong from the time we put the tires on," Harvick said. "It was like Russian roulette every time you put these (terrible) tires on and try to drive around the racetrack. One time it is tight, one time it is loose, one time they are blistered. We had a great car and then you put a set of tires on it and you can't hardly make it through the field." □

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As kickers struggle, Rams go for TDs, 2-point conversions

By BARRY WILNER

AP Pro Football Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Who needs a kicker? Apparently not the Los Angeles Rams. As for the Browns and Vikings, who are going with untested youngsters, well, maybe a new guy to handle field goals and extra points will be employed soon.

Sure, it's kind of early to panic about placekicking. The Rams showed how to not rely on placements once Greg Zuerlein went out Sunday with a groin problem. They simply scored touchdowns and then went for 2-point conversions, making three.

Still, when it's early in the schedule and kickers are struggling — there were seven missed PAT kicks Sunday afternoon — despite generally decent conditions, that's troubling.

Minnesota rookie Daniel Carlson twice went wide right on overtime field goals and the Vikings tied top NFC North rival Green Bay 29-29. Even though Packers kicker Mason Crosby matched a career high with five field goals, his potential winner from 52 yards went wide left as time expired in regulation. It's rarely wise to play for



Minnesota Vikings kicker Daniel Carlson reacts after missing a field goal in the final seconds of overtime an NFL football game against the Green Bay Packers Sunday, Sept. 16, 2018, in Green Bay, Wis. The game ended in a 29-29 tie.

field goals, particularly when you have the two highest-paid quarterbacks in the league, Aaron Rodgers and Kirk Cousins. But circumstances sometimes dictate not gambling. In Green Bay's case, that pretty much paid off thanks to the veteran Crosby.

Not so much for Minnesota as Carlson missed from 49 and 35 yards in OT. He also

failed from 48 in the second quarter.

"I think I went out each time and it was a new kick," said Carlson, who was pretty sure he'd never missed three field goals in a game. "Went out there confident, but something obviously was off and I've got to fix that and help this team."

Zane Gonzalez, who held FBS records for career field

goals made (96) and points by a kicker (494) when he left Arizona State after the 2016 season, hurt his team even more. His Browns lost — yeah, that's hardly news as it was the 18th time in their last 19 games they flopped, and the other game was last week's tie with Pittsburgh — and he missed two field goals and, ugh, two extra points.

He botched his first extra point after the Browns went up 12-3 in the third quarter at New Orleans. He was wide left on a 44-yard field goal that would have given them a 15-3 early in the fourth quarter. That plagued him on his final two attempts.

Gonzalez hooked an extra point wide left with 1:16 remaining, leaving the score 18-18. He pushed a 52-yard field goal try right with 3 seconds to go after the Saints went ahead on Wil Lutz's 44-yard field goal 18 seconds earlier.

"It was on me a hundred percent," Gonzalez said. "I can't blame it on anybody else. We were so close to that win and it's been so long, and I just let everybody down."

"I was cursing myself out in my head. I'm really upset about it." Gonzalez missed one extra point last season as a rookie in Cleveland.

Miami's Jason Sanders and New York's Jason Myers were both wide on PATs in the Dolphins' 20-12 victory over the Jets. Pittsburgh's Chris Boswell missed an extra point against Kansas City in a loss, and Tampa Bay's Chandler Catanzaro did so, as well, against Philadelphia in a victory. □

Carson Wentz cleared to return for Eagles

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — He's back.

Carson Wentz has been cleared to return and is slated to start for the Philadelphia Eagles against Indianapolis in Week 3.

"I was impressed with how well he attacked his rehab throughout the offseason," coach Doug Pederson said Monday. "He's done everything we've asked him to do and he's ready to go."

Wentz tore his left ACL and LCL on Dec. 10, 2017 in a game against the Los Angeles Rams and had surgery three days later. Backup quarterback Nick Foles led the Eagles to their first NFL title since 1960 and was Super Bowl MVP in the 41-33 victory over New England.



In this Sept. 6, 2018 photo, Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Nick Foles throws a pass during the first half of the team's NFL football game against the Atlanta Falcons, in Philadelphia.

Associated Press

Foles embraced his role from the start and wanted to return to the Eagles this season instead of seeking

a starting opportunity elsewhere.

"The greatest thing for me is that (quarterback)

room has no egos," Pederson said. "Nick all along has understood that this is Carson's football team. We owe a lot of gratitude to Nick Foles for what he's done and how he's led this team. He's very supportive." Wentz set a single-season franchise record with 33 touchdown passes last season. The final one came a few plays after he suffered his injury.

Wentz, the No. 2 overall pick in 2016, finished third in NFL MVP voting in his second year. Pederson doesn't expect him to pick up where he left off immediately.

"It's going to take some time to get in the rhythm and flow of the game," Pederson said. "The speed

of the game is different than practice. He will be totally prepared. He comes early, stays late, asks a lot of questions, he has a lot of ideas. He'll be ready mentally."

The Eagles (1-1) lost 27-21 at Tampa Bay (2-0) on Sunday.

Wide receiver Mike Wallace broke his fibula in the first quarter and will miss several weeks.

Wentz probably won't have top receiver Alshon Jeffery, either. He's been sidelined since having offseason shoulder surgery and Pederson said Jeffery is week to week. "Carson's not Superman. It's going to take the 10 other guys around him to do their job as well," Pederson said. □



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Wainwright blanks Dodgers over 6 innings, Cardinals win 5-0

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Adam Wainwright pitched two-hit ball over six innings for his first win in five months, Marcell Ozuna homered and St. Louis salvaged the finale of a four-game series with Los Angeles.

The Cardinals snapped a season-high four-game losing streak and moved into a tie for the second National League wild card with the Dodgers, who slipped a half-game behind Colorado for the NL West lead. The Rockies visit Dodger Stadium for a three-game series beginning Monday night, the last regular-season meeting between the teams. Wainwright (2-3), making his second start since missing almost four months with right elbow inflammation, struck out a season-high nine while earning his first victory since April 16. Ozuna had three hits and Yadier Molina drove in two runs. Cardinals reliever Bud Norris left the game with a blister on his middle finger in the seventh. Jordan Hicks and Carlos Martinez completed the four-hit shutout — one night after the Dodgers piled up 17 runs. Ross Stripling (8-4) started strong but lasted only 3 1/3 innings.

NATIONALS 6, BRAVES 4
ATLANTA (AP) — Bryce Harper and Anthony Rendon hit two-run homers off Sean Newcomb (12-9) and 19-year-old rookie Juan Soto added an RBI single. Atlanta maintained a 6½-game lead in the NL East over second-place Philadelphia.

Tanner Roark (9-15) allowed two runs and five hits in 5 1/3 innings, and Sean

Doolittle pitched a perfect ninth for his 24th save.

MARLINS 6, PHILLIES 4
PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Peter O'Brien homered and drove in three runs as Miami ended a five-game losing streak. O'Brien put the Marlins ahead with a two-run homer in the fourth and Bryan Holaday added a pair of doubles.

Nick Pivetta (7-13), who has won only one of his last 11 starts, struck out seven in the first three innings.

Jose Urena (7-12) allowed one run and three hits through a five-inning stint for his third straight win. He left early because of cramping in his pitching hand.

REDS 2, CUBS 1

CHICAGO (AP) — The Cubs' NL Central lead remained at 2½ games over second-place Milwaukee when Scott Schebler homered on the first pitch of the game from Jose Quintana (13-10) and Phillip Ervin also went deep.

Joey Votto had three hits for last-place Cincinnati.

Luis Castillo (10-12) allowed one run, four hits and four walks in 6 2/3 innings, giving up Albert Almora Jr.'s sacrifice fly in the fifth. Amir Garrett and Jared Hughes combined for four outs and Raisel Iglesias pitched the ninth for his 27th save, completing a five-hitter.

PIRATES 3, BREWERS 2

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Jesus Aguilar and Domingo Santana homered on consecutive pitches from Felipe Vazquez to begin the ninth, but Milwaukee fell short. The Brewers lead the NL wild-card race by three games.



St. Louis Cardinals starting pitcher Adam Wainwright (50) reacts after striking out Los Angeles Dodgers' Joc Pederson to end the top of the fifth inning of a baseball game Sunday, Sept. 16, 2018 in St. Louis.

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Trevor Williams (13-9) allowed two hits in six scoreless innings. Vazquez got his 24th consecutive save and 34th overall this season when Ryan Braun struck out, Mike Moustakas popped out weakly and Erik Kratz grounded out.

Jhoulys Chacin (14-8) gave up two runs and three hits in five innings.

ROCKIES 3, GIANTS 2

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Antonio Senzatela pitched shutout ball into the sixth inning and hit a two-run single as Colorado topped

San Francisco and moved back into first place in the NL West.

The Rockies, blanked the previous two days, avoided a three-game sweep. They jumped a half-game in front of Los Angeles when the Dodgers lost at St. Louis. Senzatela (5-6) left in the sixth and Wade Davis got his NL-leading 40th save. The Rockies scored three times in the second against Dereck Rodriguez (6-4).

PADRES 7, RANGERS 3

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Rookie Francisco Mejia hit a grand

slam with two outs in the ninth inning and San Diego avoided three-game sweep in a matchup of last-place teams. It was the first walkoff for Mejia, who was promoted from Triple-A on Sept. 4. The prized prospect has hit three homers since then.

The Rangers were two outs away from a 3-2 win before Freddy Galvis hit a tying double off rookie reliever Jeffrey Springs (0-1). Mejia homered off Springs.

Kirby Yates (5-3) got two outs for the win. □

Betts hurts side, says injury minor, Red Sox near East title

BOSTON (AP) — Red Sox right fielder Mookie Betts left the game after hurting his left side making a throw to home plate during a 4-3 win over the New York Mets on Sunday that cut Boston's magic number to two for a third straight AL East title. Boston can clinch the division at Yankee Stadium for the second time in three seasons, needing only one win during a three-game series that opens Tuesday afternoon.

Betts said the injury is minor and he will be in the lineup Tuesday. He is hitting .337 with 29 homers and 72 RBIs. Andrew Benintendi hit a tiebreaking sacrifice fly in the eighth inning off Seth Lugo (3-4) after a matchup of Boston's Chris Sale and New York's Jacob deGrom, both Cy Young Award candidates. Brandon Workman (5-0) pitched a scoreless eighth, and Steven Wright got three outs for his first big league save.

BLUE JAYS 3, YANKEES 2

NEW YORK (AP) — Dellin Betances wasted a 2-1 eighth-inning lead, allowing hits to four of his first five batters. Pinch-hitter Rowdy Tellez had a tying single and Randal Grichuk a go-ahead double. Betances (4-6) has lost in two of his past three appearances. The Yankees maintained a 1½-game lead over Oakland for the top AL wild card. Manager Aaron Boone said All-Star slugger Aaron Judge could return



Boston Red Sox's Brock Holt, left, catches New York Mets' Jay Bruce (19) attempting to steal second base during the second inning of a baseball game in Boston, Sunday, Sept. 16, 2018.

Associated Press

to the lineup against Boston.

Andrew McCutchen hit his fourth homer with the Yankees on the second pitch from Thomas Pannone (3-1). Toronto closer Ken Giles struck out Gary Sanchez with a runner on to end his second save in two days.

ASTROS 5, DIAMONDBACKS 4

HOUSTON (AP) — Justin Verlander (16-9) struck out 11 in seven innings, allowing one run and three hits for Houston, which leads second-place Oakland by 4½ games in the AL West.

Arizona is 4½ games behind in the NL West and

four games back for the second NL wild card.

Zack Greinke (14-10) allowed four runs and eight hits in 6 1/3 innings.

Tyler White hit a two-out, RBI double in the sixth for a 2-1 lead, Josh Reddick homered leading off the seventh, Jose Altuve had an RBI single later in the inning and Martin Maldonado added a run-scoring single in the eighth.

Eduardo Escobar had a sacrifice fly in the ninth and Daniel Descalso hit a two-run homer off Roberto Osuna, who struck out Ketel Marte for his 18th save.

RAYS 5, ATHLETICS 4

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP)

— Khris Davis hit a grand slam in the ninth off Sergio Romo, his major league-leading 43rd homer.

Tampa Bay trails Oakland by seven games with 14 games left.

C.J. Cron and Willy Adames homered off Mike Fiers (12-7). Andrew Kittredge (3-2) and seven relievers combined on a four-hitter, and Romo got two outs for his 21st save.

ANGELS 4, MARINERS 3

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Kole Calhoun hit a tie-breaking home run and Justin Upton connected in his third straight game as

Los Angeles averted a four-game sweep.

Angels star Shohei Ohtani appeared to be limping as he jogged off the field in the eighth inning after he slid awkwardly into second base and was caught stealing.

Calhoun's solo homer in the seventh off reliever Nick Vincent (3-4) snapped his 0-for-25 skid.

Taylor Cole (2-2) got the win and Ty Buttrey struck out the side in the ninth for his third save.

TIGERS 6, INDIANS 4

CLEVELAND (AP) — The Indians rested several regulars a day after clinching the AL Central. Jim Adduci homered and drove in a career-high four runs for Detroit

Francisco Liriano (5-10) allowed three runs in seven innings for the Tigers, who won two of three in the series after losing 10 straight at Progressive Field dating to last season.

Cleveland rookie Shane Bieber (10-4) wasted a 3-1 lead in the fifth. Indians reliever Andrew Miller pitched a scoreless seventh but gave up a solo home run to Mikie Mahtook in the eighth. Miller has been on the disabled list three times this season with hamstring, knee and shoulder injuries.

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BALTIMORE (AP) — Jonathan Villar and Adam Jones homered and rookie Cedric Mullins had a career-high four hits. □



New York Yankees right fielder Aaron Judge smiles after coming into the baseball game in the eighth inning against the Toronto Blue Jays Friday, Sept. 14, 2018, at Yankee Stadium in New York.

Associated Press

Judge, Chapman work out, could return to Yankees this week

NEW YORK (AP) — Yankees slugger Aaron Judge had 11 at-bats in a simulated game and New York closer Aroldis Chapman threw 22 pitches, perhaps the last steps before both are cleared to return to full action.

The team said Judge faced right-handers A.J. Cole and Chance Adams along with minor league left-hander Phillip Diehl at Yankee Stadium on Mon-

day. Judge is recovering from a broken right wrist, sustained when he was hit by a pitch from Kansas City's Jakob Junis on July 26.

Judge's only major league action since then was two innings in right field on Friday night.

Chapman threw to Tyler Wade and Kyle Higashioka. He has not pitched in a game since Aug. 21 because of left knee ten-

dinitis.

The team said Judge and Chapman did not have any issues. Manager Aaron Boone said last weekend that Judge and Chapman could return during the three-game series against Boston scheduled to start Tuesday. The Red Sox can clinch the AL East by winning any of the games in New York, while the Yankees hold the top AL wild-card spot. □

One Last Dance: Wade returning to Heat for a final season

By TIM REYNOLDS

AP Basketball Writer

MIAMI (AP) — Dwyane Wade looked into the camera, stood alone in the middle of a darkened room and talked for 10 minutes. He struggled with his words at times, unable to control his emotions. He wept. And finally, he made what he called the hardest decision of his life.

One more year.

Retirement needs to wait a little bit longer for Wade, who announced Sunday night in a video taped earlier in the day that he's returning for a 16th and final NBA season. He basically spent the entirety of the last four months weighing his options, and retirement — even just a few days ago — was an extremely real possibility in his mind.

"I've always did things my way," said Wade, who is expected to sign a \$2.4 million, one-year deal later this week. "Whether they've been good or whether they've been bad, I got here because I've done things the way that I feel is right for me and right for my family. And what I feel is right ... I feel it's right to ask you guys to join me for one last dance, for one last season."

"This is it. I've given this game everything that I have, and I'm happy about that, and I'm going to give it for one last season, everything else I have left."

Wade is Miami's career leader in points, assists, steals and games played. His status was an enormous question mark this summer, especially now with the team a week away from going to training camp. Miami has signed 19 players for camp, one shy of the maximum preseason allotment, and it was never a question why they kept that last spot open.

It's filled now, by the most accomplished Heat player ever. Yet it was no guarantee that Wade, a 22.5-point scorer for his career, would return. His decision took longer than some expected, partly because he was deciding what he wanted to do, partly because he was dealing with some per-



In this Saturday, April 21, 2018 file photo, Miami Heat guard Dwyane Wade (3) shoots and scores late in the fourth quarter as Philadelphia 76ers forward Dario Saric (9) and Joel Embiid (21) defend in Game 4 of a first-round NBA basketball playoff series in Miami.

Associated Press

sonal business and some family business, and partly because it took him and the Heat some time to figure out what made sense for both sides. A person familiar with Wade's thinking told The Associated Press that the guard was strongly considering retirement until late last week, when Heat coach Erik Spoelstra and others made a late push to help him decide. Whatever they said worked. "Can I physically do it? Can

I physically get out of bed every day to do this? Can I step with every step hurting in the morning? Can I deal with the travel? Can I be away from my family? Is it selfish for me to want to continue to be away from my family?" Wade said, reeling off a list of questions that he pondered when making the decision. He apparently found his answers. "These things to you guys may seem small," Wade

said. "But to me, they're real. I feel like my family has put me first for so many years, for good reasons. But there comes a point in time when we've all got to think about someone else, especially the ones around you that have supported you, supported your dreams, supported your journey like my family have." Wade's return basically means that Miami will have the same team — a young, rising team it believes in

many respects — this coming season as it had last season, when it went 44-38 and claimed the No. 6 seed in the Eastern Conference playoffs.

This time, though, the Heat will have Wade from the season's outset.

He spent 2016-17 in his hometown of Chicago, then began last season with Cleveland. Wade returned to the Heat in a trade last February, appearing in 26 games including playoffs, enamoring Miami again even while coming off the bench and averaging 12.9 points. His impact on the court was clear, and so was his impact off the court — Wade was very involved in the response to the Feb. 14 massacre at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School that left 17 dead, including a student named Joaquin Oliver who was a Heat fan. Oliver's parents buried their son in a Wade jersey.

That touched Wade deeply, and he spent the latter portion of last season dealing with both the anguish of that and the death of his longtime agent Henry Thomas. Wade would eventually say that he felt lost at times last season without Thomas, that he wasn't always getting the same joy out of playing the game as he once did.

"When I lost Hank, I lost a part of me," Wade said, wiping away tears.

The plan going into this season will be to keep Wade in that reserve role like last season. While he likely won't be starting, it's fairly certain that he'll be finishing them — Spoelstra utilized Wade as a closer last season, and Wade loves that role.

Wade could have gotten a deal elsewhere this summer, though moving to another team again was never a consideration for him this time around. It was Miami or nowhere. Miami won.

"Let's enjoy it," Wade said. "Let's have some joy through this last season. Let's push this young team over the hump and let's write our own story to the end of this career, together. Together." □

Can apps like Waze steer you clear of disaster? Maybe not

By MATT O'BRIEN

AP Technology Writer

Navigation apps like Waze are trying to help motorists avoid hurricane flooding. But can people really rely on their smartphones to steer themselves out of a disaster zone?

Amid heavy rain from Florence, some smartphone or in-car map directions in recent days have sent people in North Carolina onto flooded roads and others closed to traffic.

Google-owned Waze said Monday it's worked with local governments and its own community of volunteer map editors to mark closures of more than 1,300 roads in North Carolina and hundreds more in South Carolina and Virginia.

But the North Carolina Department of Transportation warned in a tweet on Sunday night that Waze and other travel apps are unable to keep up with Florence-caused road closings.

"It is not safe now to trust them with your life," the agency warned after another Twitter user credited Waze for helping her avoid floodwaters during Hurricane Matthew in 2016. "This storm, this flooding, these road closings are worse than Matthew, and they'll get even worse. Please stay safe!"

GPS-powered mapping



In this Monday, Sept. 17, 2018, file photo flooded vehicles sit on a closed section of Interstate 95 in Lumberton, N.C., where the Lumber river overflowed following flooding from Hurricane Florence.

Associated Press

systems have come a long way since updating an in-car navigation system required loading a compact disc with the latest geographic data. More cars now come with navigation systems that are updated remotely and automatically. Other drivers rely on apps like Waze, Google Maps or Apple Maps.

It can still be hard to keep up with Mother Nature.

Miguel Melo, 22, said he was trying to drive from North Carolina to Florida to get to a friend's house when his SUV stalled out in high water in Lumberton. He was waiting with

his stalled car on a service road parallel to flooded Interstate 95.

"The GPS brought me here. It's stupid, and it's really bad. I'm in trouble," said the Raleigh resident, who was parked in a dry spot of road.

State officials had warned in previous days that GPS was taking people down routes where roads had flooded and urged people to check a list of road closures before driving.

"A map in a catastrophe is only so good as its ability to capture real-time information either from sensors or people," said Steve Gold-

smith, a professor who directs Harvard University's Data-Smart City Solutions project.

Goldsmith, a former mayor of Indianapolis and former deputy mayor of New York, said the good news is that the flourishing of map apps has "unlocked the ability of people to post information in real time and help their neighbors." Waze, in particular, relies on a large community of users inputting data about the latest road conditions. Goldsmith said more government agencies are also entering two-way information sharing arrangements that help

provide a better picture of what's happening on the ground, both for emergency responders and the travelers themselves.

"Individuals themselves will always collectively have more information than governments will," he said. "They'll have more information but less well organized." After a bridge collapsed last month in Genoa, Italy, map providers such as Google were swift in updating their road maps, said Sam Hind, a researcher at the University of Siegen in Germany who studies navigation technology. But disasters like Florence are trickier, Hind said.

"A single incident is obviously far easier to render and change than a general area that is under floodwaters," Hind said. "If it's a large area with many roads, there has to be some form of labor involved in selecting all those roads and those junctions that are impassable." Google said in a statement Monday that it uses both algorithmic and manual methods to account for emergency road closures on Google Maps and Waze. And the company said it's working with local authorities on the ground, including the South Carolina and North Carolina transportation agencies and several county governments. □

Report: Machines to handle over half workplace tasks by 2025

By JAMEY KEATEN

Associated Press

GENEVA (AP) — More than half of all workplace tasks will be carried out by machines by 2025, organizers of the Davos economic forum said in a report released Monday that highlights the speed with which the labor market will change in coming years. The World Economic Forum estimates that machines will be responsible for 52 percent of the division of labor as share of hours within seven years, up from just 29 percent today. By 2022, the report says, roughly 75 million jobs worldwide will

be lost, but that could be more than offset by the creation of 133 million new jobs.

A major challenge, however, will be training and retraining employees for that new world of work.

"By 2025, the majority of workplace tasks in existence today will be performed by machines or algorithms. At the same time a greater number of new jobs will be created," said Saadia Zahidi, a WEF board member. "Our research suggests that neither businesses nor governments have fully grasped the size of this key challenge of the

Fourth Industrial Revolution."

The "Future of Jobs 2018" report, the second of its kind, is based on a survey of executives representing 15 million employees in 20 economies.

Its authors say the outlook for job creation has become more positive since the last report in 2016 because businesses have a better sense of the opportunities made possible by technology.

The WEF said challenges for employers include enabling remote work, building safety nets to protect workers, and providing

reskilling for employees. However, the report found that only one in three respondents planned to reskill at-risk workers. Despite net positive job growth, the WEF anticipates a "significant shift in the quality, location, format and permanency of new roles. Businesses are to expand use of contractors for task-specialized work, engage workers in more flexible arrangements, utilize remote staffing, and change up locations to get access to the right talent. The report said nearly half of all companies expect

their full-time workforces to shrink by 2022, while nearly two in five expect to extend their workforce generally, and over one-quarter expect automation to create new roles in their enterprises.

Germany's powerful DGB trade union association warned against too rapid change in the world of work.

"People, whether they're workers or consumers, will only accept and tolerate the consequences if technology serves them — and not they it," Reiner Hoffmann told daily Welt in reaction to the WEF report. □

Easier gambling has sports worried about fighting the fix

By DAVID PORTER
REGINA GARCIA-CANO
Associated Press

OCEANPORT, N.J. (AP) — With dozens of states rushing to offer legal sports gambling in the wake of this spring's landmark U.S. Supreme Court ruling, will fixed games — or parts of games — become more common?

The four major pro sports leagues and the NCAA have argued for years in court that expanding legal betting will lead to more game-fixing. The pro leagues have sought, unsuccessfully so far, to get a cut of state gambling revenues to increase monitoring. Democratic U.S. Sen. Chuck Schumer of New York recently proposed legislation establishing federal guidelines aimed at "protecting the integrity of the game" as well as protecting bettors.

Supporters of legal sports betting say that bringing an already popular illegal activity out of the shadows will make it easier to detect illegal activity. They point to the Arizona State basketball point-shaving scandal in the late 1990s, uncovered after legal bookmakers in Las Vegas noticed unusually large sums wagered on Sun Devils games. Six people, including two players, pleaded guilty to crimes including conspiracy and sports bribery.

Legal sports betting has been part of the landscape for years outside the United States, as have gambling-related scandals.

Soccer, by far the most widely bet sport worldwide, has confronted widespread match-fixing scandals often orchestrated by organized crime groups. FIFA, the sport's world governing body, estimated in 2013 that organized crime was taking in as much as \$15 billion a year by fixing matches.

Perhaps equally as susceptible to fixing is tennis, with thousands of matches played annually at out-of-the-way venues featuring players on the sport's lower rungs. A report published in April by an independent



In this June 28, 2018, file photo, a sign advertising sports betting is displayed at Ocean Resort Casino in Atlantic City, N.J.

Associated Press

panel found "betting-related corruption and other breaches of integrity have taken firm root" in the sport. It cited a decision several years ago by pro tours to sell live scoring data, which allowed sports books to offer in-game wagering. During this month's U.S. Open in New York, bettors were able to wager on who would win a specific point, match or set.

In the four months since the report was issued, several men's players have been suspended, two for life, and authorities in Belgium detained more than a dozen people on suspicion of match-fixing as part of a criminal probe dating back to 2015.

The uncovering of illegal activity shows that legal betting safeguards are working, said Joe Asher, CEO of London-based bookmaker William Hill.

"The illegal bookie isn't picking up the phone and calling the FBI, he's just going to try to get on the same side of the bet," Asher said. "That's the difference between the black market and the legal market that exists today."

Still, the prospect of easy, legal access to sports gambling for everyone, athletes included, has many concerned.

"They're going to create a

bigger pool for more kids, and for more money to get involved," said Jamall Anderson, a running back on the 1996 Boston College football team whose players were found to have bet against their own team. "It's really going to create a big mess, I think."

Anderson recounted his experiences in a 2016 book, "The Best Bet." In an interview, he described a culture in which gambling was part of the daily routine.

"You went to practice and you got your spreadsheet in the locker room," he said. "It was nothing to sit there on the sidelines and say, 'Who you got this week?' That's what you do."

College athletes aren't strangers to wagering: A

2016 NCAA survey of more than 22,000 college athletes found nearly one-quarter of male athletes violated NCAA rules by gambling money on sports in the previous year.

And of the male athletes who had gambled on sports, 13 percent had wagered on specific game situations with in-game bets. NCAA rules prohibit athletes, coaches and other athletic employees from gambling on sports, and individual schools sometimes bring in law enforcement officials or former players to help them understand the rules.

Will it be enough as laws change?

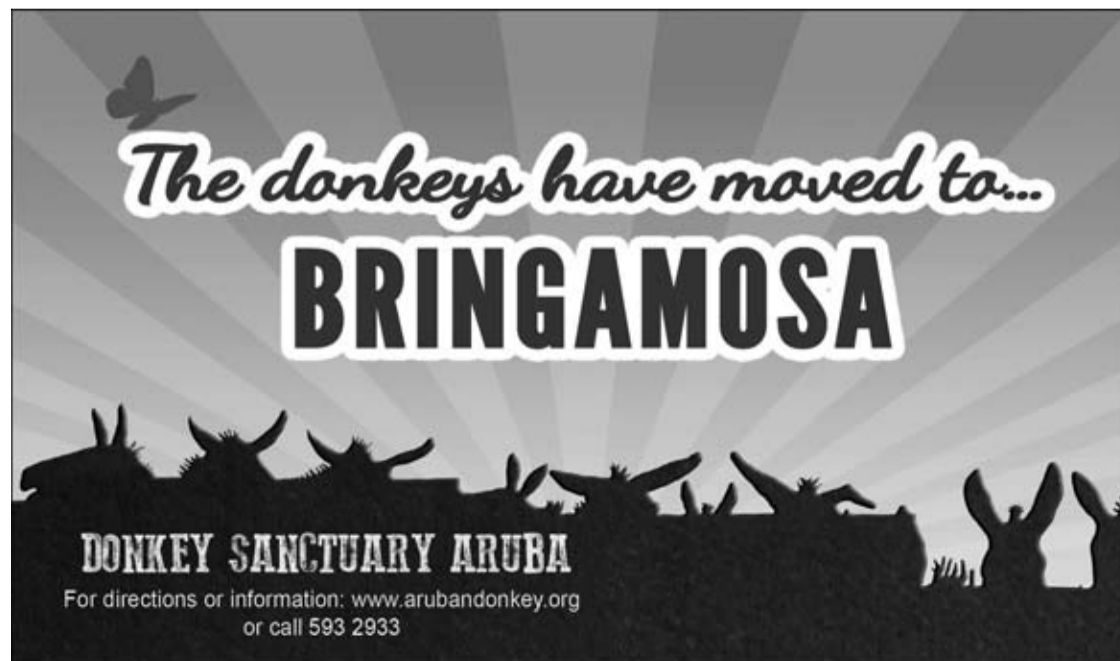
"Do you remember back when you were 18 to 20

years of age?" asked Minnesota athletic director Bob Vecchione, head of the National Association of College Directors of Athletics. "When people told you something, how much did it sink in? That's what causes some sleepless nights."

With inside information heavily sought in gambling, any tidbit — say, a student telling friends that his roommate, the star quarterback, just had a fight with his girlfriend — can take on greater significance, highlighting the need for more education, Rutgers athletic director Patrick Hobbs said. "We'll educate on a variety of scenarios and hypotheticals, and say, 'Hey look, this may have sounded like an innocent question in the past, but now you have to be careful with that information,'" Hobbs said.

In the Arizona State hoops case, Las Vegas bookmakers reported suspicious betting activity when gamblers wagered about \$900,000 against Arizona State in an early season contest against Washington. The heavy action caused sports books to change Arizona State from a 10½-point favorite to a 3-point favorite.

"You might write \$30,000 or \$40,000 total on both sides of that game under normal conditions," Jimmy Vaccaro, then-sports book director at Mirage Resorts, recently told The Associated Press. "We wrote \$560,000 on that game. The people thought the fix was in and ended up blowing their money." □



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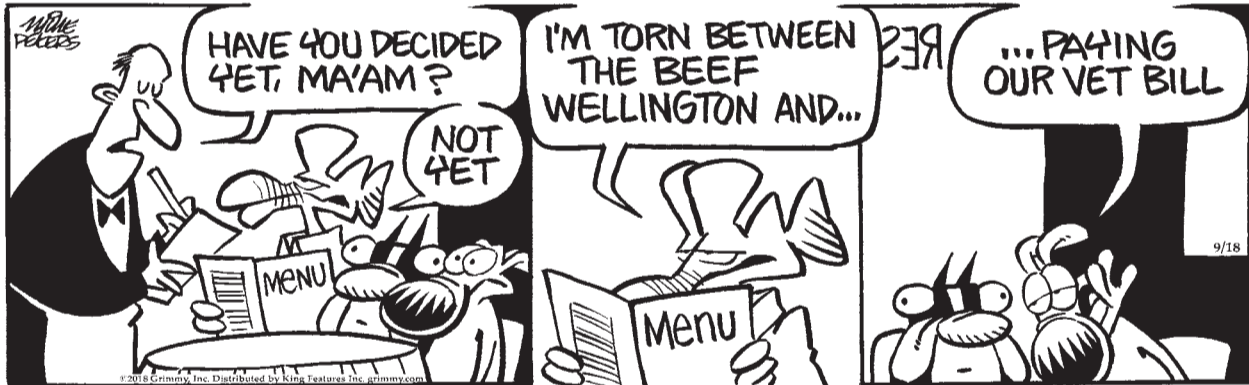
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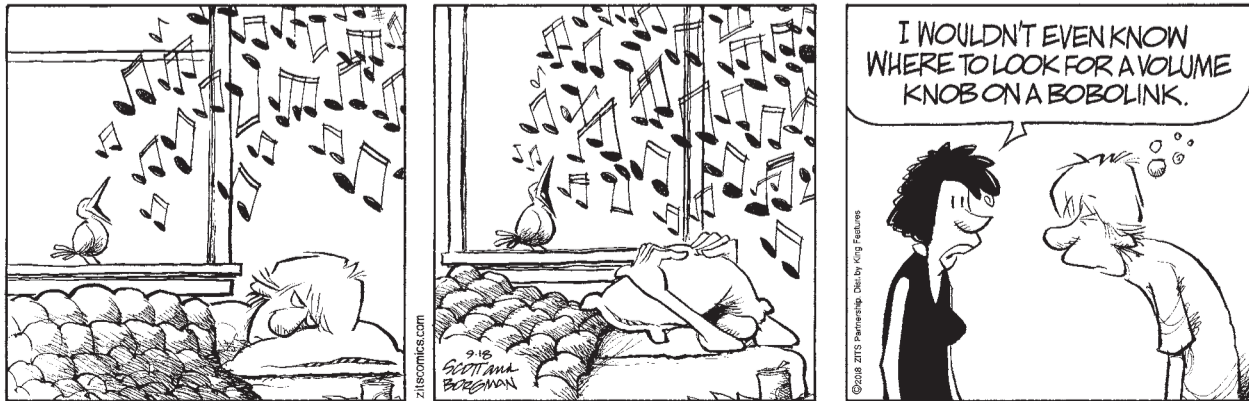
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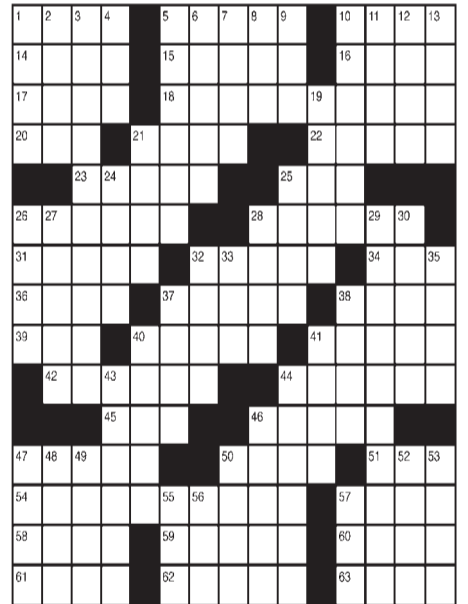
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

2	1	7	5	8	6	4	3	9
5	3	4	1	9	7	8	2	6
9	6	8	4	3	2	5	1	7
4	7	5	9	6	3	1	8	2
6	2	1	7	4	8	3	9	5
3	8	9	2	5	1	7	6	4
8	9	2	3	7	5	6	4	1
1	5	6	8	2	4	9	7	3
7	4	3	6	1	9	2	5	8

ACROSS

- 1 Make a sweater
- 5 What saxophones are made of
- 10 ___ in the face; insult
- 14 Goose egg
- 15 Not as common
- 16 ___ list; paper full of chores
- 17 All at ___; suddenly
- 18 Infrequent
- 20 Yogi's little buddy, for short
- 21 On one's ___; alert
- 22 See eye ___; agree
- 23 Fishing barbs
- 25 Coughing spell
- 26 Polite person's word
- 28 Choose
- 31 Songbirds
- 32 Traveler's stop
- 34 Cut off
- 36 ___ out a living; gets by
- 37 Generous person
- 38 Clerical error
- 39 Lion's lair
- 40 Extend one's subscription
- 41 Kitchen cabinet wood
- 42 Smacked
- 44 "Don't move!"
- 45 Antlered animal
- 46 Extended family groups
- 47 Faux pas
- 50 Apply makeup, e.g.
- 51 Knotts or Rickles
- 54 Draw pictures for a book
- 57 Vicki Lawrence's TV role
- 58 Motorist's woe
- 59 Ran ___; deserted
- 60 Insincerely smooth
- 61 Tricycle rider
- 62 Signified
- 63 New York team



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Monday's Puzzle Solved

LESS	SKIS	PROD
OSCAR	LENT	LINE
OPINE	IGNORANCE	
NNE	SAD	PUCKER
NOOSE	PIE	
METALS	RANDOM	
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MOSS	PIECE	DATE
APT	HANDY	GALES
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PROFANITY	AMIGO	
AUST	TRAP	RECUR
TEES	SEPT	GEEK

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DOWN

- 1 Door handle
- 2 Advice to Nanette
- 3 Not speaking clearly
- 4 Golf ball peg
- 5 Actress Shields
- 6 Churchill Downs events
- 7 Circle portions
- 8 Black, Yellow, Red or Dead
- 9 12th-graders: abbr.
- 10 Larry or Curly Joe
- 11 "The ___ Ranger"
- 12 "Rome wasn't built in ___"
- 13 Pillar
- 19 Know-___; smarty-pants
- 21 Throw
- 24 Lawn trees
- 25 ___ at; deride
- 26 Implored
- 27 Superior or Titicaca
- 28 Store away
- 29 Scottish draft horse
- 30 November birthstone
- 32 Abbey resident
- 33 Very late bedtime
- 35 Tiny skin opening
- 37 Knock down forcibly

- 38 New driver, often
- 40 Reigns
- 41 Sourpuss
- 43 Prove an argument wrong
- 44 Like a translator, hopefully
- 46 "___ a Hot Tin Roof"
- 47 Present
- 48 Actress Sheedy
- 49 Criticism; opposition
- 50 Facts & figures
- 52 Leave out
- 53 Arrests
- 55 Twain's Sawyer
- 56 Have regrets
- 57 "The Wizard of Oz" production co.

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Experts: Mayan altar hints at ancient intrigue

GUATEMALA CITY (AP) — An altar found at Guatemala's La Corona site suggests the Mayan dynasty of Kaanul, known as the Snake Kings, acted like its namesake in slowly squeezing the rival kingdom of Tikal, archaeologists said Friday.

A team led by Marcello Canuto of Tulane University uncovered the carved stone altar in the northern Peten region near the Mexico border.

When it was first found in 2017, the altar was encased in the roots of a tree in a collapsed temple. It took a year to painstakingly pry the massive stone slab from the roots, fully excavate it and move it to Guatemala City, where it was presented this week at a museum.

The altar is dated A.D. 544 and depicts the Tikal ruler Chak Took Ich'aak conjuring two local gods from a shaft in the form of a double-headed snake.

The same man appears 20 years later as a vassal of the Kaanul dynasty and the ruler of the larger, nearby city of Yax-Waka. But the gods associated with him are different local deities associated with that place.



A nearly 1,500-year-old carved altar from the Maya site "La Corona," located in the northern Guatemalan department of Peten, is displayed at the National Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology in Guatemala City, Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2018.

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Canuto said the altar suggests Kaanul's eventual victory was the result of decades of astute politicking and cultural appropriation,

not just battles. Chak Took Ich'aak and his son "are trying to show that they are praying or conjuring up gods that were there way earlier to give them that kind of legitimacy," Canuto

said. "It's almost like they're setting up franchises, but using the same recipes of local gods, claiming they had access to local deities. There's an attempt to render this whole process

legitimate by appealing to local interests." A princess from the Kaanul dynasty - based in Dzibanche and later Calakmul, in neighboring Mexico - had been married into the La Corona ruling family two decades before. It's unlikely that La Corona could have simply conquered El Peru, which was much more powerful, unless it had backing from someone even more powerful. "This would be equivalent to Cuba defeating the United States in a war. They could only have done that ... if they had had the backing of the Soviet Union," Canuto said.

The enormous city-state of Tikal, whose towering temples still stand in the jungle, battled for centuries for dominance of the Maya world with the Kaanul dynasty. Just a few decades after the altar was carved, Kaanul apparently defeated Tikal by amassing a string of allied cities that encircled and eventually strangled Tikal. The symbol of the Kaanul dynasty were stone masks carved in the form of grinning snakes. □

SpaceX changes plans to send tourists around the moon

By MARCIA DUNN
CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)

— SpaceX said it has signed the first private moon traveler, with some changes to its original game plan.

The big reveal on who it is — and when the flight to the moon will be — will be announced Monday at the company's headquarters in Hawthorne, California.

It's not the same mission SpaceX founder Elon Musk outlined last year. The original plan called for two paying passengers to fly around the moon this year, using a

Falcon Heavy rocket and a Dragon crew capsule.

At the time, Musk said the pair approached SpaceX about sending them on a weeklong flight and paid a "significant" deposit for the trip.

The new strategy is to still fly around the moon, but using an even bigger SpaceX rocket still in development that has its own dedicated passenger ship. And now, it appears there will be only one person aboard.

Given that this new BFR rocket, as it's dubbed, has



In this Feb. 6, 2018 file photo, Elon Musk, founder, CEO, and lead designer of SpaceX, speaks at a news conference after the Falcon 9 SpaceX heavy rocket launched successfully from the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Fla.

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yet to be built, the flight presumably is at least a few years off.

SpaceX put out the teaser via Twitter late Thursday, and Musk also tweeted out the news. Company representatives declined to offer

additional details Friday.

Musk's ultimate goal is to colonize Mars. This lunar mission — a flyby, not a landing — represents "an important step toward enabling access for everyday people who dream of trav-

eling to space," SpaceX said in a tweet.

On its website, SpaceX is touting the "first passenger on lunar BFR mission," implying there will be more.

This could be humanity's first lunar visit since 1972, depending on how NASA's latest moon plans shape up. Twenty-four NASA astronauts flew to the moon from 1968 through 1972, and only 12 of them strolled its dusty surface. Next July will mark the 50th anniversary of the first manned moon landing by Apollo 11's Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin.

NASA is shooting for its own flyby of the moon, with a crew, around 2023. The space agency aims to build a gateway in the vicinity of the moon, complete with staff, during the 2020s. It's envisioned as a base for exploration of the moon, Mars and beyond. □

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Bright colors, neons light up runways at London Fashion Week

By SYLVIA HUI

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Winter coats with sandals? Furry bags with long satin gowns? Anything goes as the fashion pack descends on London to take in the latest runway shows, where bright colors, clashing neons, a '70s vibe and sports-chic vied for attention. Veteran designer Jasper Conran, model-turned-designer Alexa Chung and House of Holland were among those showcasing their spring and summer designs at Day 2 of London Fashion Week on Saturday. A look at some highlights:

JASPER CONRAN

Conran, one of the founding designers of London Fashion Week, chose the Royal Academy of Arts as his show venue and fittingly offered up a collection of bold, saturated colors — and a surprising dose of women's rights activism. There were monochrome striped dresses, graphic prints, beautifully tailored bias-cut dresses and sporty outfits, all in clashing hues taken straight from the artist's paint box: pea green, tangerine, butter yellow and fire engine red. Some outfits even featured paint splatters.



Models wear creations by designer Alexa Chung during their Spring/Summer 2019 runway show at London Fashion Week in London, Friday, Sept. 15, 2018.

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Some models wore the same bold shade from head to toe. One sported a bright pink jumpsuit, paired with forest green hair. Classic, elegant shapes ensured the overall look was tasteful, not garish. Sharing the catwalk was a T-shirt dress with large, abstracted letters reading "Equality not Minority." In his show notes, Conran cited sobering statistics about women's pay and referenced the #MeToo movement, writing: "As a young

boy I remember seeing my mother working hard lobbying to gain rights for women. It is clear that the battles fought for equality are still far from over." Actress Kristin Scott Thomas, who watched from the front row, said she loved the simplicity and sophisticated tailoring. "The colors always amaze me. And that pink jumpsuit has my name on it!" she said.

— ALEXA CHUNG

Long a fashion week regular, model and TV presenter Alexa Chung made her debut as a designer at London Fashion Week. Known for her quirky fashion sense, with her penchant for boyish styling, schoolgirl collars and penny loafers, Chung offered a look-book for fans keen to replicate her style. Playing on a theme of "arrivals and departures," guests were first treated to a theatrical show of models coming and going, half-

glimpsed through openings in a wooden panel. When the models finally emerged, they wore an array of lacy camisole slip dresses, capes accessorized with headscarves and dresses with postcard prints. There was something for everyone, from a sexy sequined party dress to an egg-blue PVC raincoat to dorky-cool cream dungarees and boiler suits. Some of the silhouettes had a distinctly '70s vibe. A cream, double-breasted suit featured high-waisted, slightly bootcut trousers. Brown suede coats and separates also recalled styles from that era.

— HOUSE OF HOLLAND

Slogan T-shirts, loud clashing prints, exaggerated shapes: Designer Henry Holland isn't known to shy away from over-the-top designs, and this season is no different. There's neon — lots of it — as well as large logos, body-hugging lurex, sportswear, snakeskin, plus slinky crystal-encrusted dresses. Titled "Pull in Emergency," the show is themed around hectic city life, and Holland said the neon pops of color are meant to convey a sense of "panic and urgency." □

Gary Shteyngart's road novel in the time of Trump

By ANN LEVIN

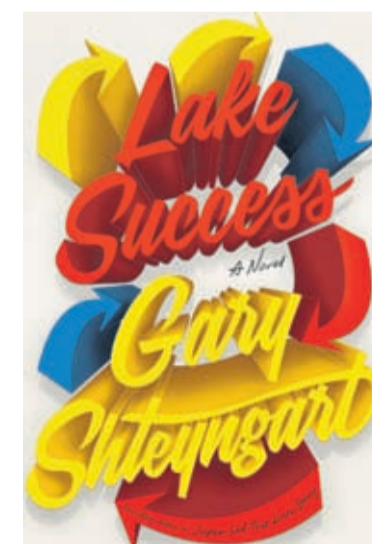
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"Lake Success: a Novel" (Random House), by Gary Shteyngart
It's possible there's a hedge fund bro out there whose heart is as big as his AUM (assets under management). Who thinks Donald Trump is scary, diversity is great and the solution to his mid-life crisis could be to, as the slogan once put it: "Go Greyhound and leave the driving to us." It's possible but not likely, and part of the goofy, ram-bunctious charm of Gary Shteyngart's latest novel, "Lake Success," is that he makes you believe in such a character and even to root for him on his quixotic cross-country bus journey

of repentance and self-discovery. When the novel opens, a battered and drunken hedge fund manager named Barry Cohen is in the Port Authority bus terminal, fleeing his crumbling marriage, autistic child and a looming SEC investigation. Just hours before, at a dinner party with a couple who lives in his fancy Manhattan apartment building, Barry's wife, Seema, accused him of having no imagination, which wounded him to the core. Hadn't he secretly aspired to be a writer at Princeton? Named his hedge fund This Side of Capital after F. Scott Fitzgerald's first novel? Even thought of using material from this very bus trip

to pen a "thoughtful, middle-aged" update to "On the Road"? Awash in nostalgia, Barry buys a bus ticket to Richmond, Virginia, to visit the parents of his college girlfriend, Layla, whom he now regrets not marrying. He throws away his cellphone. Soon he'll get rid of his credit cards, all to prove he could still be "out in the world solving his own problems." In the course of his travels, he'll mentor a crack dealer in Baltimore, reconnect with Layla in El Paso, Texas, and pay grudging last respects to his difficult father at his grave in San Diego. He'll also have sex with a man and hide his Jewish identity from white bigots

on the bus. "Lake Success" is a big-hearted book about many things. It's a brilliant satire of hedge fund managers, their trophy wives and gaudy apartments; a heart-rending but ultimately hopeful account of raising a child on the spectrum; and a raucous celebration of racial, ethnic and gender identity in America today. It also explores the ways large and small that Trump has changed the country, rupturing relationships and forcing people to take sides. In his acknowledgments, Shteyngart thanks Greyhound "for spiriting me from one coast of our troubled land to the other with a



This cover image released by Random House shows "Lake Success," by Gary Shteyngart.
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strange, almost melancholy competence." It's a ride you won't want to miss. □

Avid fans of 'The Americans' hope Emmys Cold War will thaw

By JOCELYN NOVECK

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — In the end, after six seasons of murder most foul, high-stakes espionage and international intrigue, it somehow felt perfect that the climactic scene of "The Americans" should happen in the most mundane of places: a parking garage. There was no bloodshed, and not a single bullet fired. "Just four people talking in a parking garage," says executive producer and co-writer Joel Fields. But that scene, and the much-acclaimed series finale it anchored, was deeply true to the ethos of a show that was never really about action anyway, despite the body count or the sweeping themes at play. It was about a marriage. The show became big by going small. Monday's Emmys will be the TV academy's last chance to honor the FX spy drama which, after being passed over in major categories during its run, is up for four, including drama series and acting nods for Matthew



This image released by FX shows Matthew Rhys, left, and Keri Russell in a scene from "The Americans."

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Rhys and Keri Russell, aka Philip and Elizabeth Jennings. (It has won two guest acting awards for Margo Martindale.) Avid fans of the series are rooting for the KGB spy couple, who did lots of REALLY bad stuff but were still always the ones you cared about. Is it time for the critically adored but Emmy-ignored series to finally get its due? This for a show whose fan base includes, famously,

former President Barack Obama, whose fandom led to a state dinner invitation for Russell and Rhys. Other fans, according to the show, include Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, U.N. Ambassador Nikki Haley, and the current head of the CIA, Gina Haspel.

"For unknown reasons this show flew under the radar for a while, and that was something we scratched our heads about," says Eric Schrier, president of original programming at FX. But he says the critical response to the show has been gratifying, as have other awards, like AFI and Peabody honors. Schrier says the "best marriage I ever made" (besides his own) was matching series creator and writer Joe Weisberg, a former CIA agent, with co-writer Fields. Weisberg says the two are now "walking around in a constant state of relief" that the show worked the way it did. "Not only could it be a disaster from the get-go," Weisberg says, "but it walked a pretty fine tonal line. It could have turned ridiculous at any time."

Not that the premise was ridiculous: It was based on real-life sleeper spies who built lives in the United States, had children, posed as normal families. Though "The Americans" was inspired by the 2010 arrests of 10 Russian sleeper spies in the United States, the show was set in the Reagan era, to more easily convey the

tinderbox state of U.S.-Soviet relations.

That was 2013. A lot has happened since on the U.S.-Russia front, of course, and more recently, "The Americans" became known as one of the more topical and relevant shows on TV.

But flashback to the end of the first season, when ratings weren't at their best. The question arose as to whether the show should go broader, becoming more of a traditional spy series. The writers say FX chief John Landgraf told them he'd thought about it, but decided that would "destroy the very thing that's making the show good," Weisberg says — the intimacy of it. "In a lot of ways, I think that's when we really found the voice of the show."

Actress Holly Taylor, who played daughter Paige Jennings, says the cast felt the same way. "I was excited that they kept it true to themselves, wrote what they wanted to write," Taylor says now. "I think that's what made all the difference to real fans of the show."

It was also around then that the writers essentially decided how the show would eventually end (stop reading here if you're still catching up!) They began a "furious amount of writing" and ended up with a long document — they call it their bible — mapping out each character's journey.

They're still surprised they were able to stick to it. But there they were, shooting the final season, with the same idea — that when it all came crashing down, and it happened fast, that Philip and Elizabeth didn't lose their lives or even their freedom, but something breathtakingly profound nonetheless: they lost their children, to the American life they had to flee.

Taylor saw the script only a week and a half before shooting. "Like all of us, that final script left me speechless," she says. Not just the parking garage scene, where they finally faced off with FBI agent (and neighbor!) Stan, or the scene where Paige shocked her parents by getting off that train to Canada, but all of it.

"I could never have thought of that ending myself," she says. "You conjure up your own theories and talk to your castmates and your friends, but none of us came up with anything like that. They managed to satisfy every storyline."

Well, not EVERY storyline. Fans still have questions. Was Renee, Stan's wife, a KGB spy or not? What's going to happen to poor Henry at boarding school? Will Stan pay for college? (They didn't exactly get to work out the details.) And will the imminent collapse of the Soviet Union mean an eventual family reunion?

The writers don't like to speculate, saying that the answers are really in the hands of the audience. They're just happy that "there seems to be a general consensus that we didn't (mess) things up at the end," Weisberg says, using a spicier word. "People care so much about these series and invest so much in them." Taylor says she's still getting questions. "Recently I posted a vacation picture from Montreal, and some people wrote, 'So Paige made it to Canada after all?'" She herself assumes that Paige has moved far away from the espionage business, "but you never know. Maybe in the spinoff, she's in the FBI." □

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David Hockney painting expected to break auction records

By JOCELYN NOVECK

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — One of David Hockney's famous "pool paintings" is coming to auction and is expected to sell in the \$80 million range, easily breaking the record for a work by a living artist.

The British artist's "Portrait of an Artist (Pool with Two Figures)," to be auctioned at Christie's on Nov. 15, is considered one of his premier works. Christie's has estimated the work at about \$80 million, but says it expects it to sell for more.

The previous record for a work by a living artist was set by Jeff Koons' "Balloon Dog," which sold for \$58.4 million in 2013.

The 1972 painting by Hockney, now 81, is "the holy grail of his paintings, from both the historical and the market perspectives," said Alex Rotter, co-chairman



A Christie's employee approaches David Hockney's "Portrait of an Artist (Pool with Two Figures)," Thursday, Sept. 13, 2018, in New York.

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of post-war and contemporary art at Christie's. He noted that it reflects both the European and the American perspectives of an artist who came to live

in sunny California in the '60s, and saw himself as living on both continents.

"It has all the elements that you would want in a Hockney painting," Rotter said

in an interview. He noted that writers have referred to the swimming pool as being sort of a self-portrait of Hockney, though he never confirmed that, just saying

he was fascinated to paint moving water.

The painting has been held by a private collector, and "we have been trying to get it for a very long time," Rotter said.

A depiction of two men — one swimming the breast-stroke underwater, the other standing by the pool looking down — the painting was originally inspired, according to background provided by Christie's, by two photographs Hockney found juxtaposed on his studio floor, one of a swimmer in Hollywood in 1966, and another of a boy staring at something on the ground.

The rocky landscape is in southern France, and the standing figure is said to represent Peter Schlesinger, whom the artist met in 1966, when the younger man was a student in one of Hockney's art classes at UCLA. □

School shootings inspire new Bacharach song

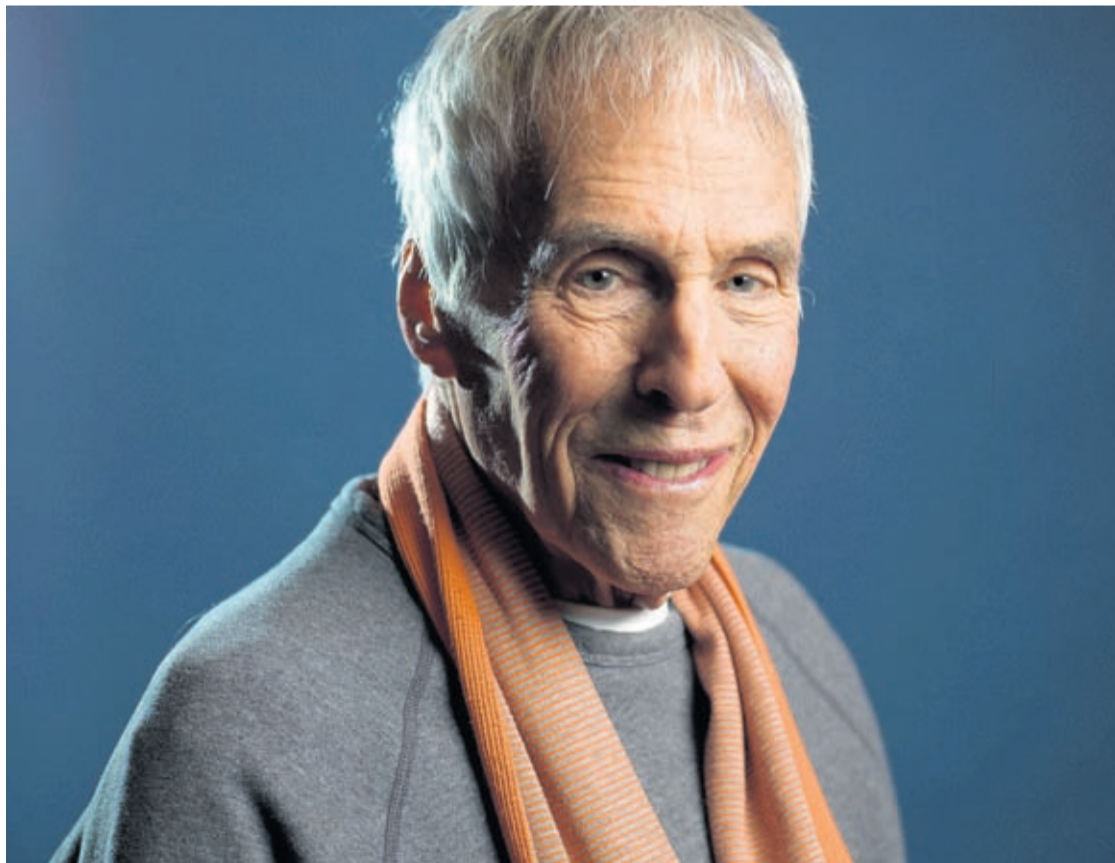
By HILLEL ITALIE

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — At age 90, Burt Bacharach hasn't lost faith in the power of music.

"Music softens the heart, makes you feel something if it's good, brings in emotion that you might not have felt before," he told The Associated Press during a recent telephone interview. "It's a very powerful thing if you're able to do to it, if you have it in your heart to do something like that."

The celebrated songwriter has collaborated with fellow Grammy winner Rudy Perez on "Live to See Another Day," a somber ballad inspired by the Parkland massacre and other school shootings. Released Monday, the song was recorded with the Miami Symphony Orchestra and features the vocals of two Florida teens, Haven Star and Angie Green. Proceeds will be donated to the Sandy Hook Promise Foundation, an anti-gun violence organization based in Newtown, Connecticut, where a gunman killed 20



This May 6, 2013 photo shows composer Burt Bacharach posing for a portrait in New York.

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schoolchildren in 2012.

Bacharach says the new song, which includes such lyrics as "We can't live like this forever/ Got to have a change of heart," was about love and "keeping our kids safe."

"It's just crazy," he said of the school shootings. "I think the best you can do (as a songwriter) as far as putting out a message, is ... move people."

Perez said in a statement that "Live to See Another

Day" is "our cry to stop the violence aimed at our children in schools."

Bacharach is among the most successful composers of his time, with hits including "I Say a Little Prayer," "Alfie" and "I'll Never Fall

in Love Again." He's not thought of as a "protest" writer, but current events have moved him before. In the mid-1960s, he and lyricist Hal David were concerned about the country's growing presence in Vietnam and wrote "What the World Needs Now," a standard that Bacharach still features in live performance. Onstage, he might make a joke about President Donald Trump's promise to build a wall along the Mexican border or dedicate a song to victims in Puerto Rico of Hurricane Maria.

Bacharach says he has no plans to stop writing, or performing. He contributes music to a new album by Elvis Costello, a longtime admirer with whom Bacharach has worked with before, and he continues to tour, including a two-hour show in July at London's Royal Festival Hall.

"You can throw up your hands and say, 'I can't do this anymore,' but it's what I do. I'm not just going to stop and retire, that is like dying, you know." □

Meet Captain South Africa; she'd rather not punch criminals

By CHRISTOPHER TORCHIA

Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — The usual suspects — Wonder Woman, Spider-Man and Darth Vader — roamed at Comic Con Africa. A few African characters were also on display: Kwezi, Captain South Africa and Shaka Zulu.

The success of Marvel's "Black Panther" film spiked interest in African stories, and creators on the continent hope to capitalize with more comic book characters of their own. The three-day convention ending Sunday in South Africa was a platform for their efforts, even if it was dominated by the global superheroes, villains and other pop culture figures who have been around for decades.

Many of the first African comic books are "caricatures of Supermans, of Captain Americas," said Bill Masuku, a Zimbabwean artist and writer. "But if you allow that to grow, giving it time, you will get better quality story-telling that is naturally African." One example is Masuku's Captain South Africa, a black female superhero who "doesn't want to punch criminals because that doesn't end crime," he said at a convention stall



In this Saturday, Sept. 15, 2018 photo, Bill Masuku, a Zimbabwean comic book artist and writer, sits at a stall at Comic Con Africa, a three-day comic book and pop culture convention in Johannesburg, South Africa.

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where he also promoted another of his creations, Zimbabwean superhero Razor-Man.

Thousands of people, many in costume, turned out for the suburban Johannesburg event introduced by Reed Exhibitions. ReedPOP, a subsidiary of the global company, hosts similar conventions around the world and brought its model to

Africa for the first time.

Lagos, Nigeria and Nairobi, Kenya have been running their own "comic con" festivals for several years; South Africa's annual ICON comic and games convention started in 1992.

Hurricane Florence scrapped plans by Anthony Mackie, the actor who has played Marvel's Falcon superhero, to travel to Comic Con Africa. Aquaman actor Jason Momoa also canceled. Kevin Sussman from "The Big Bang Theory" and Yetide Badaki from "American Gods" made it, to the delight of autograph and photo op seekers.

"If you have issues with personal space, comic cons are not for you," said ICON director Les Allen as he waded through crowds. Up ahead, video gamers playing a "Counter-Strike" first-person shooter in sound-proof booths battled each other on giant screens as spectators followed the combat. Someone in a reptilian "Predator" outfit paced the hall, posing with fans. Other people had masks, hoods, swords and staffs and there was plenty of spandex and hair spray, of course.

"Shaka Rising: A Legend of

the Warrior Prince," a glossy graphic novel about the real-life Zulu king who built an empire at a time of European expansion into Africa, was among home-grown projects on display. The story of power and intrigue was written and drawn by South African Luke Molver. "To a large extent, African stories get told by people outside of Africa, about people in Africa," said Robert Inglis, the book's promoter and director of Jive Media Africa, a company based in South Africa. Part of the reason is that many

African stories circulate through "word of mouth" and don't have the "lasting kind of print space" to resonate internationally, he said. Nearby, Janine Evans was offering capes modeled on traditional Basotho blankets and other clothing merchandise associated with a band of southern African superheroes.

"Our aim here is to actually take the Afrocentric from the fantasy world and bring it into people's everyday lives," she said.

One African superhero is Kwezi, a comic book character drawn by creator Loyiso Mkize. He is a young man who learns he has special powers, and then sorts out problems in the local community. In a short video animation, a flying Kwezi checks a phone message that summons him to an urban Johannesburg neighborhood: "Trouble in Braamfontein, we need you now!!!!"

Other promotions at Comic Con Africa include "The Tokoloshe," a South African horror movie whose name refers to an evil spirit; and "Apocalypse Now Now," a South African short film and novel whose name plays on the uniquely South African phrase meaning "soon."

The goal is "to normalize the existence of African content and creators," said Masuku, the Captain South Africa creator. "We're still making the steps to get there. I'm happy with where we are right now." □



A boy dressed as Superman stands among other visitors to the Comic Con Africa event, a three-day comic book and pop culture convention in Johannesburg, South Africa, on Saturday, Sept. 15, 2018.

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People dressed as comic book characters at Comic Con Africa, a three-day comic book and pop culture convention in South Africa, on Saturday, Sept. 15, 2018.

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